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Ministers meet today

3-day talks to finalize agenda for 3rd summit

TAIF, Jan. 17 — Foreign ministers opened here Saturday a three-day meeting to prepare the agenda of the third Islamic summit conference due on Jan. 25. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal Friday received delegates at the airport of this summer resort town and escorted them to their places of residence.

The delegations included foreign ministers Hassan Balkhouja (Tunisia); Agha Shahi (Pakistan); Ali Omar Sanyotinya (Uganda); Muhammad bin Al Zamel (Mauritania); Kenan Atta Cole (the Confederate State of Cyprus); Qais Zawawi (Oman); and the Interior Minister of Djibouti, Idriss Farih. Other delegates to arrive here were led by ambassadors to Saudi Arabia.

The conference will pave the way for the summit which is expected to be the largest gathering of Muslim heads of state in history. The previous two which were held in Rabat, (Morocco) and Lahore (Pakistan) had fewer member states.

Speaking about the conference Prince Saud said last week that the question of Palestine and the Israeli occupation of the holy city of Jerusalem would be the foremost topic for discussion followed by the Soviet invasion and continued occupation of Afghanistan.

Other leaders have also notified the Organization of Islamic Conference that they would submit working papers and draft proposals covering political and economic issues including an Islamic Common Market as suggested by Bangladesh.

The summit will be opened at the holy mosque in Mecca, Islam's holiest shrine with an address by King Khalid. It will then move to Taif for a three days at the newly-built conference hall which was recently completed.

Agha Shahi said the liberation of Jerusalem will be the most important issue, followed by the situation in the Gulf and the Iraqi-Iranian conflict.

He said the leaders will renew their support for the call of *ihad*, holy struggle, made by Crown Prince Fahd for the liberation of the occupied territories.

He called on the Islamic states to double their efforts to "put an end to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and allow the Afghan people to exercise their right to self-determination."

Oman's deputy foreign minister Muhammad Al Alawi said Oman hoped the conference will come out with "the political, economic and social resolutions to which all Muslims aspire." He expressed his country's appreciation of the efforts made by the Kingdom to convene it.

The Cypriot minister said his team will concentrate on the economic difficulties of the state but will not raise the "Cypriot question" because of the current talks between the Turkish and Greek Cypriots.

The Mauritania minister said the Muslims were passing through a "grave juncture" and that they must face the challenge and conspiracies with courage and frankness. He said that Palestine and the Gulf war were the most crucial questions before the conference. The conference was specially important because it was being held in the Kingdom and under the auspices of King Khalid himself, he said.

Uganda's foreign minister said he hoped the conference will help the Ugandan economy to stabilize and develop. He expected it to revive the aid that was given to his country before the civil war there. His country attached special importance to the conference, he added.

Djibouti's interior minister hoped that the summit resolutions "will rise to the occasion and will be constructive" as the conference is being held in the holy places and in Saudi Arabia.

Earlier Thursday Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq arrived in Qatar from Jordan for a 48-hour official visit. After a visit to Turkey, Zia ul-Haq made a brief stopover in Amman Thursday for talks with King Hussein of Jordan.

Soon after his arrival in Doha, the Pakistani president met with Sheikh Khalifa Ben Hamad al-Thani, the ruler of Qatar. Following his visit Gen. Zia will visit Oman, the last stop on a tour which included stops in Kuwait, Bahrain, Turkey and Jordan, prior to the opening of the Islamic summit.

His out of Gulf states is seen by some diplomats as a way of getting backing for Pakistan's proposals for a settlement in Afghanistan before the summit. Pakistan's proposals are for talks between Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan under United Nations aegis to find a solution which would include the withdrawal of Soviet forces.

In Tehran, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has confirmed that Iran will boycott the Islamic summit if Iraqi President Saddam Hussein attends, the Iranian leader's son was quoted Thursday night as saying.

Tehran radio said it got the confirmation after rumors that Iran might still send a delegation despite statements to the contrary by Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai. According to the radio, Hojatoleslam Ahmad Khomeini quoted his father as saying: "If Saddam (Hussein) attends this conference, Iran must not take part in the conference."

Arafat to attend summit
 Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat will lead the PLO's delegation to the summit conference, according to the PLO representative Friday.

Rafiq al-Narsha said in Riyadh that the Palestinian people work for Islamic solidarity and believe the liberation of Islamic land, especially Palestine, would only be achieved through solidarity.

Nasha hailed Riyadh Governor Prince Salman's statement at the ceremony held at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University on the occasion of summit. The remark was a general expression of feelings of all Muslims because it carried great meaning, he said.

Also Dr. Ahmad Sidqi Al-Dijani, member of the PLO delegation, said Friday the organization will submit a paper that includes topics related to Palestine and Jerusalem.

He expressed the hope that the conference would produce fruitful results for the Muslim world's problems. The largest concerns are the Palestine question and Jerusalem, especially after Israel's annexation of the holy city.

Panel clears nomination of Haig

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP) — The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee has overwhelmingly endorsed Alexander M. Haig as Secretary of State in the wake of five-days of grilling in which he vowed toughness with the Soviets and no vestige of Watergate abuses.

The panel cleared Haig, 15-2, as even most initially skeptical Democrats — one of whom said he now thinks the retired general could be "truly great" at the State Department — joined the Republican majority in a call for unity in America's foreign policy. The action followed the most exhaustive hearings in modern times over a Secretary of State-designate, and sends the nomination by President-elect Ronald Reagan to the full Senate for confirmation.

Only two, Paul Sarbanes, Democrat-Maryland, and Paul Tsongas, Democrat-Massachusetts, voted against the recommendation. "I just cannot in good conscience support this nomination," said Sarbanes. Tsongas agreed, but said "God gave this man much. It is up to him to write this upcoming in American history in a way that will honor us all."

Senate Democratic whip Alan Cranston of California said he expected a filibuster or other delays on the floor, and predicted Haig would be easily confirmed next Wednesday or Thursday. Reagan will be sworn in as the 40th president on Tuesday.

Cranston said he was originally disposed to vote against the retired general when the hearings started last Friday. "But I will vote to confirm Alexander Haig," he said. "I now believe there is a sufficiency of evidence, based on the entire hearing, that Gen. Haig could be a truly great secretary of state."

The committee's vote was somewhat delayed by a Washington snowstorm which kept several Senators mired in rush-hour traffic. Chairman Charles Percy, Republican-Illinois, joked when the session convened without a quorum that "we will now engage in a bipartisan filibuster" until the missing members arrived.

Percy said he would try to get Haig's nomination to the Senate floor on inauguration day, but acknowledged that a vote probably wouldn't occur until Wednesday. In obvious delight, Percy said "I never would have anticipated that there would be as much unanimity in the committee, on this vote. It will strengthen the hand, the duties and the responsibilities of the next secretary of state."

On the final day of hearing Cranston told Haig he still had only two concerns: Haig's refusal to denounce Watergate as immoral until committee Democrats pressed him to do so, and whether Haig will respect Congress' constitutional right to help formulate foreign policy. Several other Democrats joined Cranston in the latter concern.

Franco-Libyan tension grows

Exploration pact postponed

PARIS, Jan. 16 (AP) — Amid growing tensions between France and Libya, the French government ordered the postponement Wednesday of an oil exploration agreement between Libya and France's largest oil group, Elf-Aquitaine.

France has strongly criticized Libya for its intervention in the Chad civil war and its plans to merge with Chad. Libya, in turn, has charged France is trying to reconquer its former African territories.

In another development Thursday, Libya threatened France with an economic boycott if it intervenes in Chad where Libya is reinforcing its troops according to the Libyan news agency Jana.

The agency quoted Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi as saying that the Libyan reinforcements were needed against "French colonialist forces" and the Libyans would not leave Chad until the French forces quit central Africa.

Earlier in Rome, the Organization of African Unity (OAU) for the first time condemned Libya by name for its intervention in the Chad civil war and denounced a proposed merger of the two countries.

After a one-day OAU summit held in the Togolese capital Wednesday African leaders called on Libya to withdraw its troops. A nine-point communique, issued Wednesday night, said Libya's proposed merger with Chad "violates the letter and spirit of the Lagos accords," 1979 agreements which set up a transitional Chad government led by President Goukouni Oueddei.

Rain expected to fall on Jeddah



SANDSTORM : A sandstorm hit Jeddah Friday reducing visibility to less than 500 meters in the afternoon. The Jeddah Meteorology Department reported that wind recorded a speed of 55 km per hour at 4 p.m., limiting visibility to about 400 meters. Visibility became clearer to between five and six kms after sunset while the winds, originating from tropical regions, slowed down. The storm began in the morning with southerly active winds hitting this Red Sea port city, raising both temperature and humidity to 31 degrees centigrades respectively. The department also reported that active southerly winds, with direction changing, were expected to continue till Saturday afternoon. Polar modified winds will bring in cooler temperature, the department said. Rain is also expected on some parts of the Western coast, including Jeddah and Yanbu Friday night and Saturday noon.

N. Yemeni minister murdered

From Arab News correspondent
SANAA, Jan. 16 — North Yemen's Minister of Local Administration Muhammad Mahmoud Khamis was assassinated here Thursday by unidentified assailants. Khamis was ambushed between Sanaa, the capital, and Hodeidah, the country's port on the Red Sea where he had gone to chair a meeting of governors. His escorts killed one of attackers and arrested another. The rest escaped into the hilly terrain of the region.

A brief bulletin issued by the Yemen News Agency said that the police were interrogating the survivor to establish his motives and those who were behind the assassination.

Khamis was one of the most powerful men in the government of President Ali Abdullah Saleh and Premier Dr. Abdul Karim Al Iryani. He was director of national security for many years before being appointed minister of local administration. Before that he was deputy premier for internal security whose job was to combat a wave of anti-government violence in the provinces. The violence was spearheaded by the Yemeni Democratic Front which is fighting to bring down the regime of President Ali and set up a democratic government to pave the way for union with neighboring South Yemen.

The Yemeni Interior Ministry eulogized Khamis and vowed to exact "a deterrent punishment against the perpetrators of the crime."

In Belfast

Bernadette Devlin wounded

BELFAST, Jan. 16 (Agencies) — Bernadette Devlin, leader of the 1967 civil rights drive by Catholics in Northern Ireland, was shot and wounded at her home Friday, police said.

The Irish Republican activist and her husband Martin Macaliskie were rushed to hospital after being shot at their home in Cookstown, County Tyrone. Their condition was not believed to be serious, police sources said. Three persons were detained by police for questioning after the shooting, police said.

Now 33 and married with two children, the former Bernadette Devlin became the youngest member of the British parliament since William Pitt the younger when at the age of 21 she was elected to serve as member of parliament for Mid Ulster. She served from 1969 to 1974.

A founder member of the Irish Republican Socialist Party, she has recently led demonstrations and marches on behalf of the guerrillas during a 53-day hunger strike by the prisoners, which was called off on Dec. 18.

Bernadette Devlin led the Catholic civil rights movement in Northern Ireland in the late 1960s, seeking equal rights with the Protestant majority in the British province. This contributed to the outbreak of sectarian warfare which has claimed at least 2,071 lives since August 1969.

6 goats tried by court

JAKARTA, Jan. 16 (AFP) — Six goats have been tried by a local court in Banteng on southern coast of Celebes for blocking traffic, press reports reaching here said Friday. The goats reportedly strolled across a busy street and caused traffic jams.

Four of them were acquitted and the other two were seized, the reports said. No further details were immediately available.

Mexico may buy Israeli Kfirs

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16 (AFP) — Mexico could be the first export market for Israeli-built Kfir fighter planes, military officials said here Friday after a four-day visit to Israel by Mexican Defense Minister Felix Galvan Lopez.

A Mexican pilot was said to have been "favorably impressed" by a test flight of the plane, and Gen. Galvan said he would give a decision on the purchase of 24 units worth about \$250 million within a month.

He added he was confident that Israel and Mexico could also agree on "joint projects, for Mexico's security." Gen. Galvan and his 16 strong delegation, visited several Israeli ordnance factories during their trip.

Israeli airplanes fly over S. Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 16 (AP) — Israeli reconnaissance jets flew over southern Lebanon Friday, drawing a barrage of anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian bases in the area, provincial authorities said.

Earlier, the Voice of Hope, radio station of the Israeli-backed Christian militiamen of renegade Lebanese Army Maj. Saad Haddad, claimed Palestinians and their Lebanese allies shelled villages inside the border enclave controlled by Haddad. It did not report any casualties.

The sources said the Israeli jets had made several reconnaissance flights since 8:00 a.m. local time (0600 GMT).

Janata to send mission to Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Jan. 16 (AFP) — An important opposition has announced it will send a "goodwill" delegation to Pakistan late February to promote Indo-Pakistani relations. Subramanian Swamy, general secretary of the Janata party, which claims a membership of three million, told newsmen that former Prime Minister Morarji Desai may be asked to head the delegation. It will be the first such visit since India's independence in 1947, he said.

Swamy, a member of parliament, said his party advocates signing of a peace and friendship treaty with Pakistan. "The proposal for a 'no-war pact' has a negative tone, it will be better if India and Pakistan sign a peace and friendship treaty, with a provision that the countries will come to each other's help in the event of foreign aggression," Swamy said.

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Pollution agreement signed

Ecologists end talks

By Farouk Luqman

JEDDAH, Jan. 16 — The Conference for the Protection of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment concluded its meetings by approving an agreement to save the seas of the area from pollution.

The conference was held here during the last week and signed a protocol of cooperation against oil pollution. It included representatives from Saudi Arabia, Jordan, North Yemen, South Yemen, Sudan, Somalia and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Djibouti which is a member of the Arab League and situated at the southern tip of the Red Sea did not send a delegation.

The agreement stressed the protection of the environment and the effects of pollution, on the health of the people in the region, according to Abdullah Awadh, leader of the North Yemen delegation. "It is the marine environment of the region that we aim to protect," he told Arab News Friday. This calls for close cooperation by the participating states and a survey of the region's potential for marine sciences, geological and geophysical forces and their effects on human health.

Awadh said that the conference studied geophysical application of the agreement, the

responsibilities of the member states, joint cooperation and damages to be paid in the event of pollution caused by any one of them. "Only naval ships and non-commercial vessels have been exempted on grounds of national sovereignty," he said.

Besides, a regional organization for the protection of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden will be set up, the delegates decided. It will be based in Jeddah and will include a council of the member states to follow up the implementation of the agreement, a working plan and a system for monitoring pollution, a secretariat for administrative purposes and communication with the government concerned and legal committee to settle disputes.

Conference members reviewed and approved a final plan of action to protect the environment for the "benefit of the coming generations." It will define the coastal areas to be covered and include a comprehensive procedure that must be adopted to ensure the proper working of the plan.

The delegates decided to attach this plan to the original draft agreement which must be approved by their governments within four to six months. A meeting of government delegates will be held here for this purpose, he said.



Abdullah Awadh

The main working paper, mainly technical, was submitted by the Saudi Arabian delegation led by Dr. Abdul Bar Al-Gheini, assistant director of meteorology, who was elected chairman of the conference. The draft agreement defined pollution as a human act, carried out directly or indirectly, to introduce any material or any energy sources into the marine environment which might cause harm to the people of the area and other creatures. Oil pollution included that caused by any oil derivative and in any form. An emergency aid center will be set up to fight pollution as a joint enterprise.

University issues

Educators meet in Riyadh

RIYADH, Jan. 16 (SPA) — Riyadh University's Higher Board held a meeting under Sheikh Hassan bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh, higher education minister and chancellor of Saudi Arabian universities, Wednesday night.

The educators discussed several educational, administrative and financial issues of the university. The board approved the university's budget for the next academic year 1981-1982.

Dr. Assad Abdu, Riyadh university secretary general said the board agreed to build classes for girls adjacent to the King Abdul Aziz teaching hospital's building. The board

also approved accommodation allowance to married students in two installments. The first will be after confirming that the students have registered for the first term, and same for the second term.

Dr. Abdu added that the board agreed to grant 10,000 blankets and other articles to other Saudi Arabian universities. It also approved the appointment of Dr. Hussain Muhammad Alaw as dean to the Faculty of Administrative Sciences beginning Feb. 5. Dr. Alawi will replace Dr. Isama Abdul Rahman who will be appointed as the dean for the Higher Studies Faculty of the university.

Dammam marks PLO anniversary

DAMMAM, Jan. 16 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd's call for bold struggle to liberate Jerusalem is an extension of the Kingdom's policy and a continuation of its support to the Palestinian freedom fighters, according to the Palestine Liberation Organization's Dammam office Director.

Abdul Rahman Al-Hayek, who is also the director of the committee for the welfare of Palestinian martyrs and fighters families in the Eastern Province, reiterated Saudi Arabia's firm financial and political support in all international, Arab and Islamic circles to the Palestine fighters.

The PLO's Dammam office had organized a ceremony on the occasion of the 16th anniversary of the Palestinian revolution, which was attended by Prince Abdul Mohsen, Eastern Province governor, Rafiq Shaker Natsha, PLO's representative in the Kingdom, also attended the ceremony.

The PLO celebrated the occasion in various parts of the Kingdom. Prince Abdul Mohsen reiterated the Saudi Arabia's assistance and said the Kingdom will continue to provide support to the Palestinian people.

Al-Hayek said Dammam office's revenues last year amounted to SR10 million. He added that Palestinians are looking forward to the results of the Mecca Islamic Summit conference. The conference will open the door for the Muslim youth to join their Palestinian brothers in liberating Palestine, he said.

While celebrating this anniversary, the Palestinian revolution reconfirms its determination to fight until victory and liberating the last inch of the occupied holy places in Palestine, Al-Hayek said. "If Arab countries had listened to the late King Abdul Aziz's advice and provided assistance to our people and revolution, the Zionist structure would not have been created in the Arab land," he added.



LOAN: The Islamic Development Bank granted South Yemen a loan of 4,230,000 Islamic Dinars (\$5.5 million) to finance a water supply project for Aden, the capital. The ceremony was signed by IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali and the South Yemeni Planning Minister Dr. Faraj bin Ghannem, Thursday. Photo shows the two men signing the agreement.

BRIEFS

Education center erected

RABAT, Jan. 16 (SPA) — A new Saudi Arabian educational center was opened here by the Education Minister Haj Khaled Aha Hanin and the Ambassador Fakhri Sheikh Al Aradh and a member of officials.

Shop owners warned

RIYADH, Jan. 16 (SPA) Owners of printshops, tailor shops and rubber stamp makers have been warned against undertaking any jobs that are not covered by their trade registration licenses.

Trade talks held

DAMMAM, Jan. 16 (SPA) — The Chairman of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the Eastern Region Sheikh Saad Al Muajjal met with the American trade delegation which is visiting the area with whom he had talks about matters of common interest.

Indian trade fair planned

JEDDAH, Jan. 16 — An Indian trade fair will be held here from March 24 to April 2 at the Expo Center. The aim is to project India's export capabilities in various fields. The range of exhibits will

include heavy and light engineering goods, textiles, medicines, pharmaceuticals, beverages, jewellery, carpets, stationery and furniture.

Press aircraft provided

JEDDAH, Jan. 16 — Four aircraft will be provided at the airport to shuttle local and visiting journalists between the city and Taif where the forthcoming Islamic summit conference will be held on Jan. 25.

Land plots offered

MECCA, Jan. 16 — The Mayor of Mecca has promised a plot of land to anyone who needs it to build a house for his car or her own use. This will be done as soon as the municipality has completed its survey of available land.

Literature prize winners

RIYADH, Jan. 16 (SPA) — The selection committee of the King Faisal Philanthropic Foundation will meet Monday for three days to decide the winners of its three annual prizes for services to Islam, Islamic studies and Arabic literature. The prizes will be awarded at a special ceremony to be held next month.

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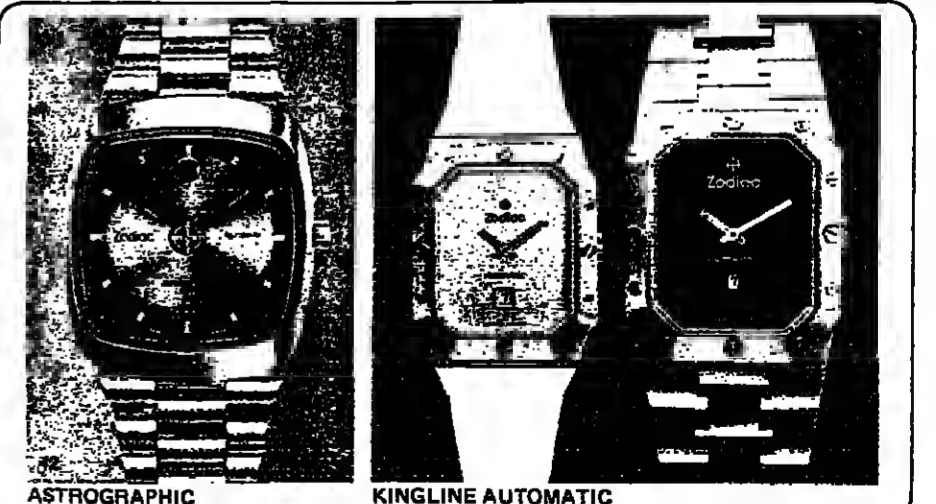
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Committee ratifies industrial contest

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 16 — A local committee ratified the results of an industrial contest organized by Al-Sheimimiy through Ashraq Al-Awsat newspaper.

The Higher Committee for Al-Sheimimiy First Industrial Contest met under Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood, chairman of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The group comprises Hisham Hafez, Saudi Research and Marketing Company's chairman; Muhammad Said Tayeb, director general of Thama; Nasser Al-Sheimimiy director general of Al-Sheimimiy trade, industry and contract company; and others.

The committee hailed the high standard of the contestants in answering 30 questions through the newspaper. The contest aimed at developing industrial awareness among the public and informing them of the industrial development in the Kingdom.

The Committee said it was satisfied with the wide-ranging participation in the contest. People from many foreign countries including Denmark, the United States, Tunisia and Sudan took part in the contest helped by the world-wide circulation of Ashraq Al-Awsat.

Many participants have achieved high marks in contest held under the supervision of Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi. Results will be announced through the newspaper before the award ceremony.



CHECKING RESULTS: Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood (top right), chairman of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, meets with a local committee to check contest results. Also pictured are Hassan Bashawri, director of Thama public relations (far left), Muhammad Said Tayeb, director general of Thama (center); and Hisham Hafez, chairman of Saudi Research and Marketing.

To meet Kingdom's needs

Saudi Cable faces expansion

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 16 — Deputy Mecca Governor Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen will lay down the foundation stone for the second phase of the Saudi Cable Company's expansion project.

Civil Service provides bonus

RIYADH, Jan. 16 (SPA) — The Civil Service Bureau agreed Friday to grant employees working in Farisan Island and surrounding remote areas an allowance according to the civil service regulations. The compensation amounts to 35 per cent of their wages.

Abdul Rahman Al-Sadhan, civil service board chairman, said the board has agreed to appoint graduates from the Islamic Studies Faculty of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University of Medina as advocates in the sixth grade.

The board also approved appointing Sheikh Muhammad Ali Fayed, governor of the General Social Insurance Organization, as a member of a bonus formed by the three years ago. Dr. Assem Bakhari, former staff member of the University of Petroleum and Minerals, was appointed director of the National Science and Technology Research Center in the 13th grade. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sulaiman Al-Dael also was appointed head of the intermediate colleges of the Ministry of Education in the 13th grade.

When complete, the project will meet the Kingdom's needs for electricity cables and wires.

Omar Khalifati, president of the Saudi Cable Company, said the company has covered 30 per cent of the local market's needs in the five years since its establishment. By the beginning of 1983, the company will produce 80 per cent of the country's requirements for cables and wires.

In accordance to the government's policy in training, Saudi cable has trained 100 Saudi Arabians on the technical aspects of cable industry, Khalifati said. He hailed the government's assistance and particularly the Ministry of Industry and Electricity to national industries.

Besides leading businessmen, the ceremony will be attended by H.J. Haynes, chairman of Standard Oil of California, and A.H.L. Leader, chairman of Ana Conda Arksson, Standard Oil is a partner in the Saudi Cable Company, in addition to being one of the leading companies engaged in oil exploration. Ana Conda Arksson is also a partner.

Prayer Times

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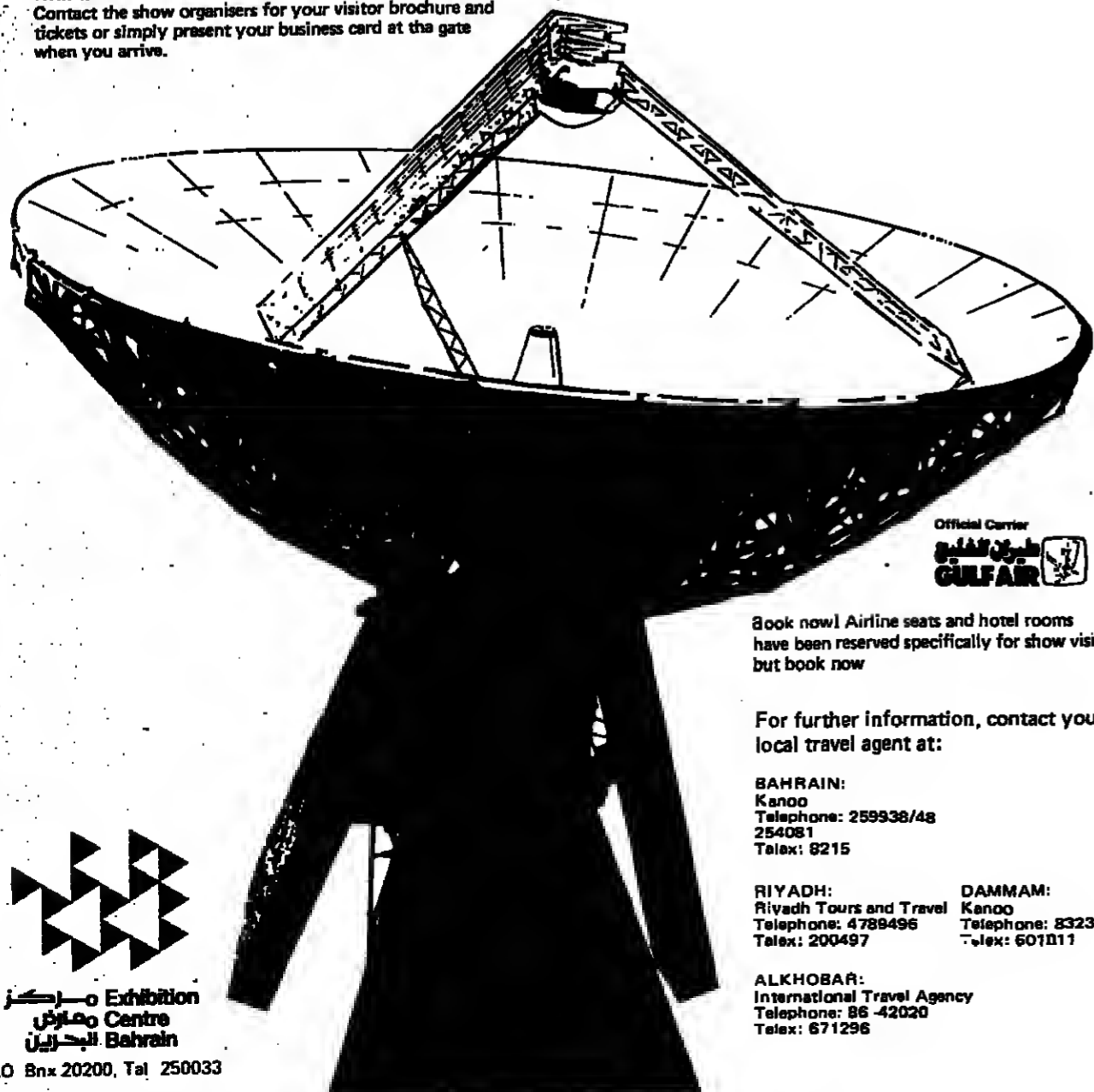
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Construction exhibition inaugurated

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 16 — Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen Thursday evening opened the second Middle East Construction Exhibition held here at the Jeddah Expo Center.

About 300 companies from Europe, North America, the Middle East and the Far East are displaying and demonstrating the latest products and equipment for the construction industry. Several businessmen have labeled Saudi Arabia "still the world's most dynamic market."

The construction exhibition is organized by Fairs and Exhibitions Limited of London and Al-Harithy Company (Exhibitions and Services Division) of Jeddah.

According to an organizers report, the Kingdom was chosen for the exhibition because of the continuing economic and political influence exerted by the Kingdom at the pan-Arab international level; because of the importance attached by the host government — notably through the Third Five-Year Development Plan — to the continued development and expansion of the Kingdom's infrastructure; because of sustained demand on the part of the international construction industry for an opportunity to exhibit new products and services; and because of the strategic location of Jeddah, with its trading and commercial facilities.

Officials mark literacy efforts

DAMMAM, Jan. 16 (SPA) — The National Guard celebrated the Arab Day for the Eradication of Illiteracy Wednesday in the Eastern Province. The ceremony was attended by Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al-Munqour, national guard deputy in the Eastern Province.

Abdul Karim Al-Hassan, assistant director of the national guard cultural and education department, addressed the audience emphasizing the vitality of education.



OPENING: Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor of the Western Region, is shown examining various sections of the Middle East Construction Exhibition after he opened the event.

COMMENT

By Hussein Ali Hussein
Al Medina

Among the problems being faced in the context of the country's resurgence is one of public facilities in the new residential quarters. Many villas, buildings and smaller houses have been constructed but remain without any public facilities. Basic facilities, such as asphalted roads, electricity and water have not been provided yet, as the departments of each of these facilities have their own conditions to be fulfilled before the services are rendered.

For instance, the department of electricity would require, among other things, that the road must be asphalted before power is supplied to any residential area. This, however, seems as strange matter as we know that the electricity department would not be able to supply power unless it digs the road to lay power cables. In other words, the road of any locality would have to be asphalted twice, once to fulfil the preliminary condition of the department and later to carry out repairs after the cables are laid in. One can thus

easily measure the problems of all other public facilities, such as water, telephones, etc.

It would be worthwhile completing all the underground job at one time and then to lay asphalt and pave the road finally. I wonder what could be the factor that stops the work being taken in hand in this manner.

In every modern country, stress is laid on the completion of all public facilities before any other task. In our country people have building permit as well as approved plots of land. Still they await the arrival of the public facilities, and buy water from tankers and produce electricity through private generators. Despite all their personal efforts, they can't have the feeling of living in a town, for what they observe around them is nothing but vacant buildings coated with thick layers of dust.

An easy solution could be found to these problems if every department works with coordination and completes the public facility in each one's jurisdiction, before giving any permission for building or purchase of land in any new area.

Islamic unity stressed

DAMMAM, Jan. 16 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi said that the Mecca Islamic Summit conference comes at a time when the Islamic world is looking forward to collective action at the summit level to discuss issues that concern Muslims.

The conference gains extra importance by being held in the holy places, he said. The current situation of the Islamic community demands solidarity and unity and abandoning differences.

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New U.S. energy head favors stockpiling

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 — James Edwards, President-elect Reagan's choice for Secretary of Energy, says he plans to use "the quiet art of persuasion" to convince Saudi Arabia and other oil producers to back America's program for creating a strategic petroleum reserve.

Speaking Monday at his Senate confirmation hearing, Edwards said the Reagan administration planned to move ahead with

the filling of the billion-barrel oil stockpile "as soon as possible." The strategic oil reserve program has been plagued with problems since its creating in the years following the 1973 Arab oil embargo. Only a few hundred million barrels are now in storage in underground facilities along the Gulf of Mexico coast.

Saudi Arabia and other oil exporters have advised the U.S. that they do not favor the stockpile program.

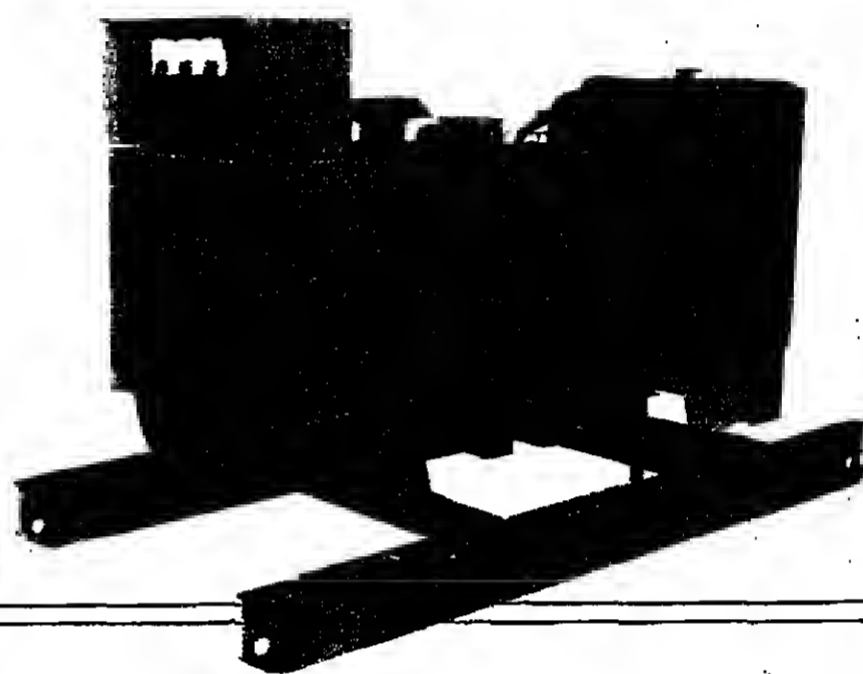
Edwards said the new administration would proceed with plans to fill the reserve in accordance with Reagan's campaign pledge to do so.

In trying to persuade oil exporters to back the stockpile program, Edwards said the administration would be sensitive to the needs of "some friends who have been very kind to us" in the Gulf region — a reference to Saudi Arabia.

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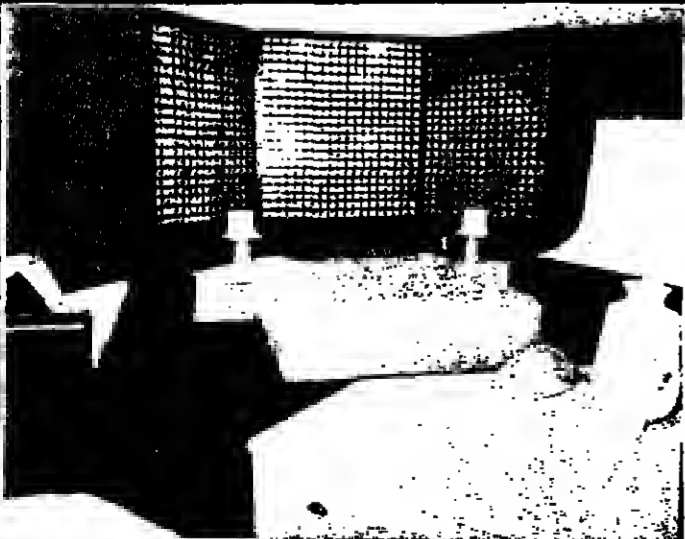
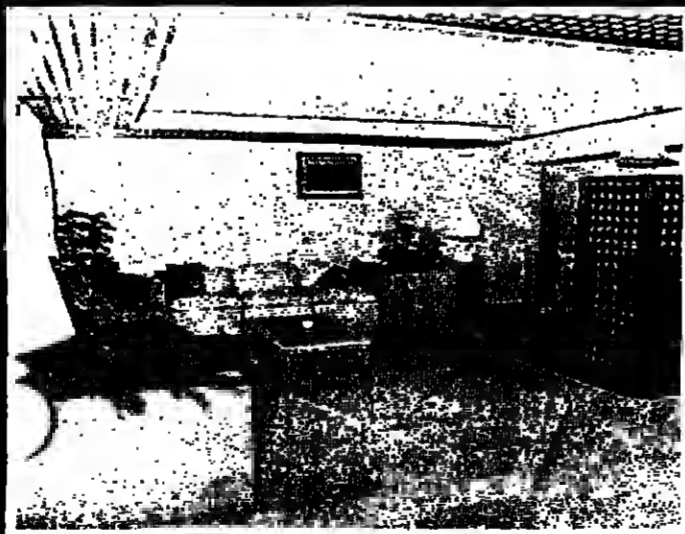
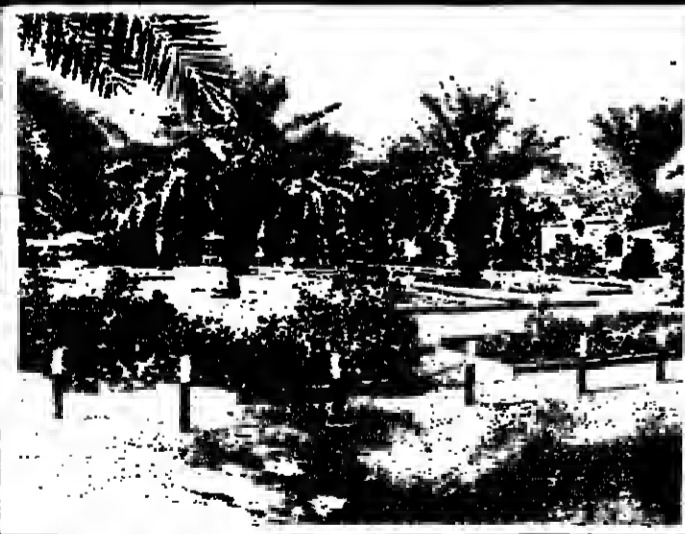
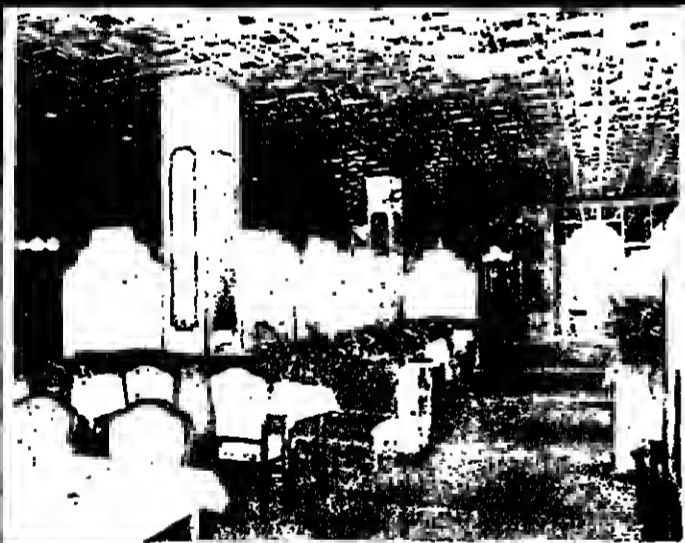
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Gen. Evren promises constituent assembly

ANKARA, JAN. 16 (Agencies) — Turkey's military junta has taken the first formal step for a promised return to democracy by announcing that it would establish a constituent assembly in September or October. Gen. Kenan Evren, junta leader and head of state Thursday told a public meeting in the central Turkish town of Konya the military would have overall control of the assembly, approving or rejecting its recommendations.

The assembly would draw up a new constitution and frame new electoral laws and rules governing political activity. The announcement was expected to be welcomed in Western capitals. Turkey's military and political allies were alarmed by last September's takeover and suspension of democratic life. The coup followed fierce inter-factional violence which politicians failed to stem.

Spain won't recognize Israel -- Klibi

MADRID, Jan. 16 (R) — The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Chadli Klibi, said in Madrid Thursday that Spain did not intend to recognize Israel although it was seeking membership of the European Common Market. Asked whether Spain might change its stand following pressure from unidentified EEC countries, Klibi said, "This is not my impression, and the Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez-Llorca confirmed it to me."

Evren has pledged to return Turkey to parliamentary rule, but the announcement was the first clear indication of when the process would start. The general said members of political parties, suspended after the military takeover, would not be among those appointed to the assembly.

"We are not going to turn the country over again to those people who brought it to the present situation," he said. The assembly is expected to include administrators, legal experts and academics.

Evren's statement did not make clear whether the old party leaders and parliamentarians would be allowed to take part in political life when it resumed. Many former politicians face civil or criminal charges. Bulent Ecevit, leader of the Social Democratic Republican People's Party (RPP), resigned as party leader last October after indications from the military that party leaders may not be allowed to resume their roles when democracy is restored.

Meanwhile, police announced Thursday the arrest of 29 suspected militants of a



Gen. Kenan Evren

notorious leftist terrorist band as a result of coordinated swoops in low-income sectors of Istanbul. The arrested group belonged to the Turkish Communist Party-Marxist Leninist-Turkish Workers-Peasants Liberation Army, known in Turkey with its initials "TIKKO," police said.

Elsewhere, martial law prosecutors have started legal proceedings against six journalists of Turkey's largest daily newspaper reportedly because of a story against the government's pricing policy, sources said Thursday.

Spokesmen for *Hurriyet* said military prosecutors also began an investigation into another article written recently by a professor.

2 ambassadors compete for Saunders' post

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 — The current U.S. ambassadors to Jordan and the Philippines are the two leading candidates for the key post of assistant secretary of state for the Middle East in the new administration, according to reliable U.S. sources. Nicholas Veliotes, the U.S. envoy in Amman, and Richard Murphy, the ambassador in Manila, are both skilled diplomats with extensive Middle East experience, the sources said.

The appointment of either man as assistant secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs would be welcomed by state department professionals involved in Middle East affairs, these sources added.

The assistant secretary post is now being held by Harold Saunders, who could still conceivably be retained in the job, since he is admired and respected by Secretary of State-designate Alexander Haig.

Before taking over the ambassador's post in Manila, Murphy was the American envoy to Syria.

Iraq, Kuwait to settle border issue

KUWAIT, Jan. 16 (AP) — Iraq has expressed its readiness to demarcate its border with Kuwait and settle the problem that has occasionally marred relations between the two states, Kuwaiti newspapers have reported. The daily *Al-Qabas* and the weekly *Al-Hadaf* quoted well-informed Iraqi sources in Baghdad as saying that Iraq's Interior Minister Saadoun Shaker, will visit

Kuwait by the month-end for talks with Kuwaiti officials aimed at finally settling the dispute and demarcating the frontier between the two countries.

The Iraqi Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan has already summoned the Kuwaiti ambassador to Iraq, Aziz-al-Saraawi, and communicated to him the Iraqi initiative, the papers said.

Israelis protest unemployment

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16 (AP) — About 500 textile workers held an angry demonstration in front of the prime minister's office to protest growing unemployment in Israeli factories Wednesday. Police used tear gas and clubs to keep the demonstrators from breaking into the government building, and several persons were injured, Israel television

reported. The workers were protesting the slated closure of their factory in the Negev town of Ofakim, and recent firings there. Earlier in the week, industrial workers in the Galilee threatened to block main roads in northern Israel if no solutions were found to the unemployment problem.

BRIEFS


TEL AVIV, (R) — A bomb exploded outside an official building in Al Khalil (Hebron), on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan Thursday official sources reported.

public funds. BEIRUT, (AP) — Kidnappings, inter-militia skirmishes and assassinations this week left eight persons dead and four others injured, police said.

TEL AVIV, (R) — The Israeli state prosecutor charged Friday in district court that the Religious Affairs Minister Ahron Abukhatzeria and three aides had committed acts of bribery and had misappropriated

TEL AVIV, (AP) — El Al, Israel's airline, resumed normal flights Friday after the management backed down on the dismissal of six shop stewards for calling a wildcat strike.

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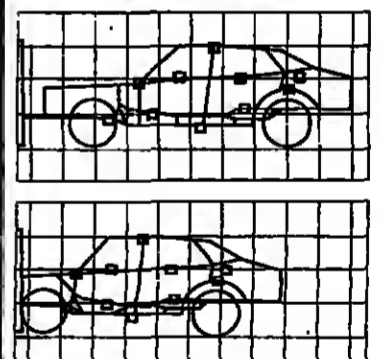
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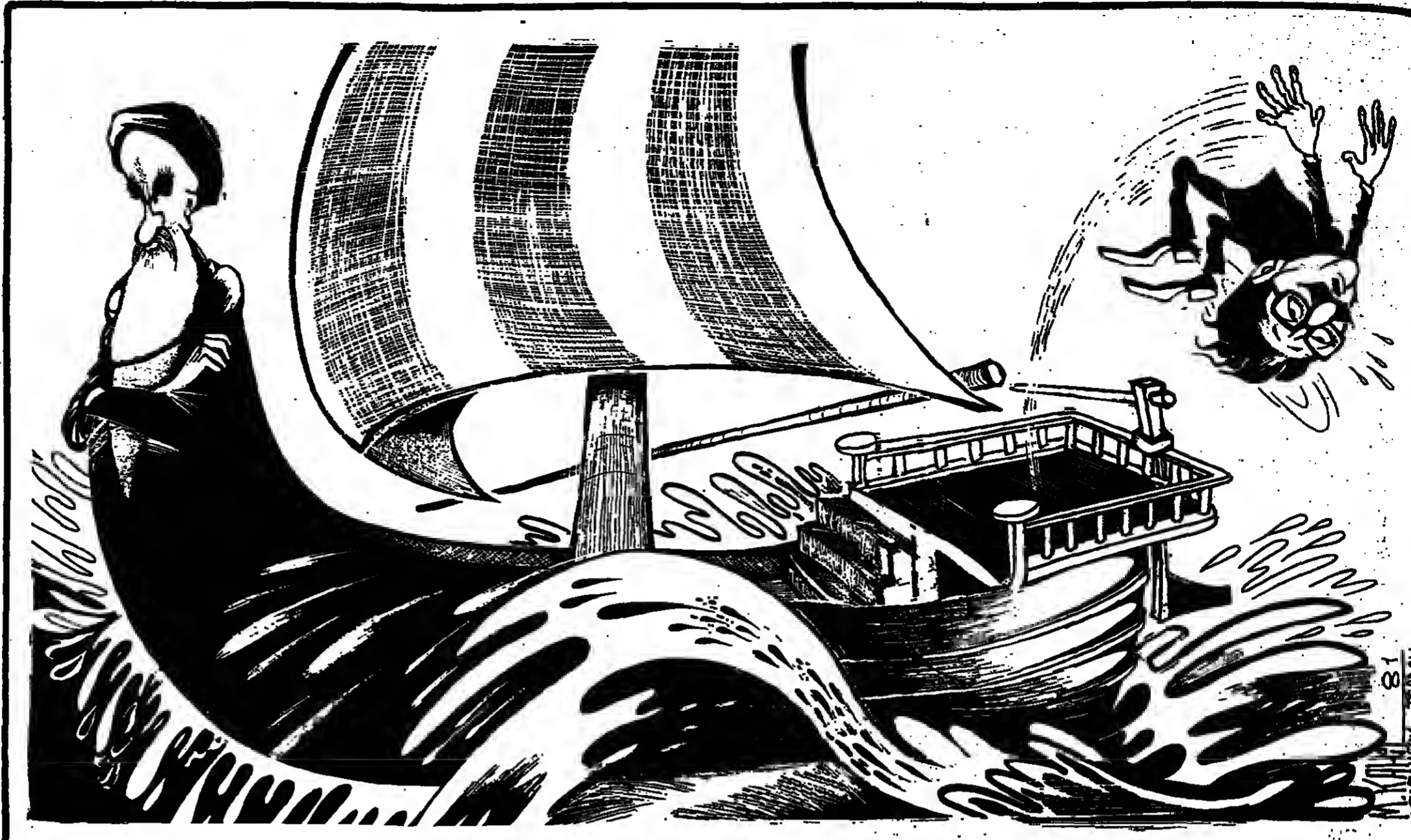
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Iran's hostage dilemma

By Fazel Asmar
and Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Tehran may soon reach agreement with Washington on the release of the American hostages — not out of fear that the incoming Reagan administration might launch a military attack on Iran but rather out of concern that it might not.

From Iran's perspective the 52 American hostages, seized during the student takeover of the U.S. embassy in Tehran in November 1979, are no longer a political asset, and their continued detention is becoming context of the ongoing war with Iraq.

The Carter administration, anxious for the sake of its historical reputation to secure the release of the hostages before it leaves office Jan. 20, has strongly hinted to Iran that it should settle the hostage issue now rather than face the wrath of a more hardline administration in the months ahead. The clear implication is that the Reagan administration would be more inclined to use military force against Iran to resolve the crisis.

But Iranian leaders are not frightened by the implied threat of an armed U.S. attack — either punitive or aimed at the rescue of the 52 diplomats. An American assault against Iran would indeed serve Iranian interests, by unifying the domestic front and by winning Iran the sympathy and backing of a large segment of the world community.

As long as the hostages remain unharmed, an American military action against Iran could generate broad international condemnation as an unwarranted exercise of military strength by a superpower against a vulnerable third world state. Many European states also can be expected to join in such condemnation.

Thus Iran's leadership is not worried about the prospect of the Reagan administration launching an armed attack. What troubles Iranian decision makers is the possibility that the new administration may sit back and do nothing — thus forcing Iran into the position of having to make the next move. Iran's options then would be limited. Some Iranian officials have publicly suggested that the 52 hostages be put on trial for espionage, but this approach is not likely to gain Iran much international sympathy, since the move would be interpreted at this late date as simply a punitive act against the U.S., and the trial itself would lack credibility.

Iran could decide to initiate spy trials against only a select few of the hostages, but this would require releasing the rest and sacrificing a great deal of bargaining leverage vis-a-vis the United States. If any of the hostages were executed, the Reagan Administration's hands would be freed to launch a punitive attack against Iran, with considerable world support — a prospect Iranian leaders, do not relish.

Despite recent headline remarks directed against

Iran, President-elect Reagan and his advisers may indeed be inclined to take no immediate action against Iran if the hostages are not freed by Jan. 20. For one thing, the Reagan camp has no desire to engage in a major military operation as soon as it assumes office, according to transition sources. It will be three to six months, at the earliest before the new administration had gained organizational control of the Washington bureaucracy and is able to operate effectively, these sources predict.

In addition, Reagan himself, despite his tough talk, tends to move cautiously on major policy issues, according to insiders. The president-elect's "cowboy" image is misleading, say sources familiar with his record as governor of California. At that time, Reagan only took action after extensive deliberation and consultations.

Reagan's advisers have already suggested that if the hostages are not free by the time the president-elect takes office he may declare them the equivalent of prisoners-of-war and refuse to negotiate over their fate. This would put the ball back into Iran's court. If the Iranians then took any action against the hostages which violated international conventions dealing with prisoners of war, Reagan would then feel free to act as he saw fit.

The Reagan administration has another compelling reason not to undertake a military operation against Iran soon after taking office: There is considerable concern in the Reagan camp over the ability of the U.S. military to carry out such operations effectively.

Reagan's advisers point to the abortive Iran rescue attempt carried out by the Carter administration last spring. Before launching any operation of its own, the new administration would want to make sure the armed forces were capable of carrying it out successfully, and it could take many months of planning and reorganization to assure this.

That Iran wants to rid itself of the hostages is clear. The Tehran government has dropped its demand for a U.S. apology, and is now simply bargaining over the financial aspects of the affair — the release of frozen Iranian assets in the U.S. and the recovery of the late Shah's wealth.

The Iranians feel they have already achieved a political victory of sorts through the detention of the hostages — in effect by punishing the U.S. for its collaboration with the Pahlavi regime. But the political utility of the hostages appears to be at an end.

Iran needs the financial assets frozen in the U.S. It needs spare parts and replacements for its U.S.-built weaponry. And it needs to end the international isolation — particularly in terms of Western Europe — that the hostage situation has produced.

Six months of the status quo under a new and inexperienced U.S. administration is not viewed as an attractive prospect by Iranian leaders. Thus the prospect of an impending agreement between the Carter administration and the Iranian government has become not only conceivable but probable.

French OAS terrorizes Basques

By Robin Smyth

PARIS — Right-wing gunmen who lost a struggle for power in France 18 years ago are reported to be leading a clandestine Spanish terrorist force in the south of France, killing members of ETA, the Basque separatist guerrilla group. According to Spanish police sources quoted by the Madrid daily *El Pais*, veterans of the French OAS — the right-wing secret army organization which tried to assassinate Gen. de Gaulle and keep Algeria French — are organizing the anti-Basque revenge squads.

The OAS men who have been living in exile on the Spanish Mediterranean coast draw their gunmen from the Marseilles underworld.

Two weeks ago, this group, which calls itself the Spanish Basque Battalion, fitted a bomb to the ignition of a car in a quiet back street of Biarritz. At 7 a.m. the next morning Jose Martin Sagardia, 29, who worked in a furniture business with other Basque exiles, started his car and was blown to pieces. Sagardia was high on the Spanish government's list of leaders of ETA, which plans its terrorist coups from sanctuaries on the French side of the Pyrenees. ETA militants killed more than 120 people in the Spanish Basque provinces last year.

Despite increasingly indignant Spanish protests the French government has made only intermittent attempts to check the operations of suspected ETA leaders in the French Basque country.

Since 1978 gunmen from Spain with evident links

with the Spanish police have crossed the Pyrenees to murder ETA men in France, Sagardia is the fifth prominent victim. In November one Spanish Basque Battalion unit machinegunned a cafe in Henday just on the French side of the Spanish border, killing two men and wounding 10 others. A few minutes later a car forced the barrier at the French frontier post, and its occupants surrendered to the police on the Spanish side, where they were quickly released.

Despite outraged protests from the French government, the Spanish authorities have refused to divulge the names of the suspected killers. All three were French, says *El Pais*, and two were members of the French Algerian minority from which the OAS drew its recruits.

The Henday killings, followed closely by the murder of Sagardia, have brought relations between Paris and Madrid to a new low ebb. The French government's anger has been increased by the announcement of Juan Jose Robon, the Spanish minister of the interior, that he runs "a modest information network" on the French side of the frontier.

Although the Spanish Basque Battalion clearly has high level protection, it is not clear how far it is being manipulated by right-wing elements in Madrid bent on wrecking the government's cautious moves toward granting a large measure of home rule to the Basques.

It is striking that Sagardia was killed during a lull in ETA killings during which the provincial government appeared to be engaged in secret talks with ETA.

Mozambique rebels hit villages

By Bruce Johns

SALISBURY — The rebels signaled their raid on the Mozambique border village of Espungabera by charging from the bush and firing wild bursts from their AK-47s into the frail, grass-roofed mud huts. "It was terrible, terrible," said Maria Diago, a married woman who was one of hundreds to flee the village. "Many, many people were killed or mutilated."

The rebels, members of the little-known MNR (Mozambique National Resistance), have been waging an obscure war against Mozambique President Samora Machel since his Marxist government won independence from Portugal in 1975 after a bloody 10-year guerrilla campaign. The rebels always tell us, "Machel is finished. We are the government of Mozambique now," said Maria.

Hundreds of residents and inhabitants, of the impoverished surrounding countryside have fled the area, said Wilfred Gamon, an American missionary who had tended some of the refugees, just inside Zimbabwe's southeast Chipinga region. Many have refused to return to their own country, preferring the security of a neighbor state that was itself involved in a bitter liberation war a year ago.

One peasant farmer, Manuel Sibhole, said: "I used to look after refugees from Rhodesia. Now we are the refugees and we are looking for help here."

The MNR comprises a few thousand former guerrillas of Machel's Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo) who became disenchanted with Marxist rule and the widespread poverty that followed it. They also include several hundred former Flocas (Arrows) — blacks who fought as pseudo-guerrillas for the Portuguese colonial forces through the war and who now fear reprisals from the new rulers.

Before Britain organized a ceasefire in the Rhodesian war a year ago the MNR was supplied, armed and trained by the Salisbury government. They were often used to attack guerrilla bases of the Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe — a firm friend of Machel who, since coming to power, has halted support for the MNR. Today, the MNR rebels — usually in tattered combat dress and often barefoot — rely on air-drops by South African air force transport planes ferrying Communist weapons captured in the Namibian war.

South Africa also provides powerful propaganda broadcasts in Portuguese and Mozambique vernacular languages from the MNR-managed Radio Free Africa in Johannesburg. And at least two whites — a Briton and a South African — who once helped direct the MNR operations as Rhodesian intelligence officers from the office of the prime minister in Salisbury recently left Zimbabwe to carry out similar work on the payroll of the Pretoria government.

The rebels are mainly of the north-central Mozambique Macua people who traditionally opposed Machel, a Shangaan from the south. In the alien provinces of Manica, Gaza and Sofala near Zimbabwe they are often accused of harsh, sometimes barbaric methods to force villagers into supporting them against small Frelimo patrols.

A RACE AGAINST TIME

For the Iranian side, the solution of the problem of the hostages is now a matter of a race against time. It was no wonder that the Iranian minister responsible Bahzad Nabawi, made the mistake of telling parliament that Carter's term-of-office ends on the 16th of this month. The correct date is of course the 20th, but the Iranians are feeling the pressure.

The Iranian parliament is at the moment considering two laws, presented on the recommendation of the Algerian mediators. The first is to declare the nationalization of the property of the former Shah, while the second allows Iran to resort to international arbitration in solving the many financial issues outstanding between Iran and the United States.

The Iranians know that the end of Carter's term-of-office will mean a drastic change in the United States' attitude toward the question of the hostages. Minister Nabawi warned the Majlis that President-elect Reagan will take a tougher stand, and will not continue with the negotiations started by Carter.

Although Iran is said now to export one million barrel, of oil a day, it is in dire need for the funds frozen in America. Unemployment, in a country of around 30 million is said to be around seven million. Essential goods are disappearing from markets. And the exported oil is being at a very cheap rate — \$7 per barrel — in order to make up the difference of the high rate of insurance charged on all shipping from Iran.

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Weekend newspapers mostly headlined the upcoming Islamic summit conference, highlighting the number of countries which have so far agreed to attend the meeting. In a lead story, *Okaz* quoted informed source as saying the Islamic foreign ministers would discuss a proposal to create a permanent political committee for the resolution of disputes among the Islamic states. *Al Medina* led with a proposal for the creation of an organization of Islamic unity, while *Okaz* said the Jerusalem Committee was meeting in Taif Thursday to discuss a number of topics connected with the Jerusalem issue. *Al Yawm* carried as its lead story world news agencies' praise of Saudi Arabia's role in uniting Arab and Muslims, adding that U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim would address the Islamic summit on its second day in Taif. *Al Jazirah* reported in its lead that 33 countries have sent official replies for participation in the conference.

Newspapers gave front-page highlight to upcoming Islamic foreign ministers' conference, saying it would submit a full-fledged working paper before the Islamic leaders meeting to the summit. In a front-page story, *Al Jazirah* reported that the French fleet has been put on the alert for any intervention necessary in the wake of grave developments on the question of Chad-Libyan merger. *Okaz* frontpaged a report quoting U.N. sources that Waldheim would acquaint the Islamic summit with the world body's efforts to ostracize Israel from the United Nations. *Al Medina* gave front-page coverage to Informa-

tion Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani's reaffirmation that peace based on justice is the cornerstone of the Kingdom's policy. The minister said so in a retort to an allegation by Radio Israel that Saudi Arabia has changed its policy. Highlighting the Iraq-Iran war, *Al Jazirah* reported in a page one coverage that 271 Iranians were killed in eight air raids by the Iraqi air force planes.

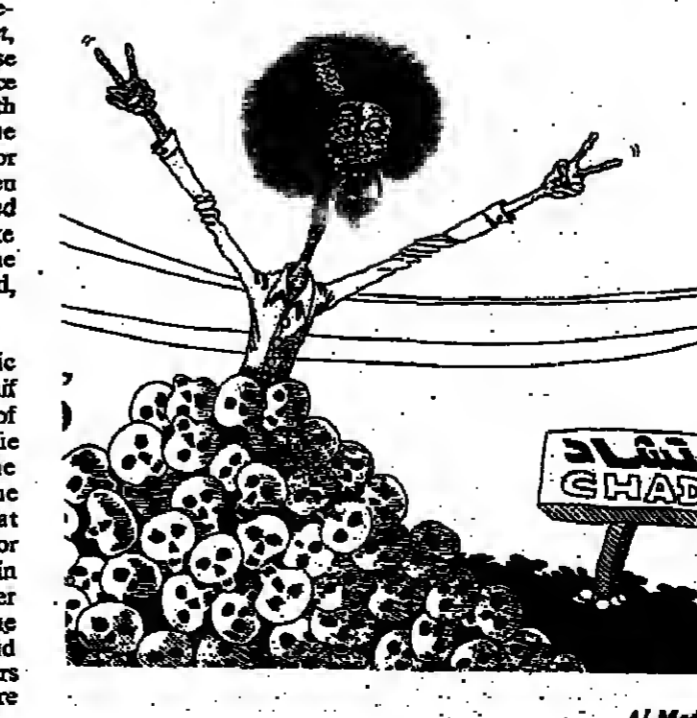
Newspaper editorials continued to comment on the Islamic summit reiterating that the topics to be discussed by the conference would necessitate a united stance and a clear line of approach, in order to be able to interact with others, and consolidate the nation's entity. They said the conference assumed enormous importance since it is going to be held at a time when communism and world Zionism are striving hard to jeopardize the interests of the Islamic nation.

Okaz said in an editorial that the Islamic summit offers encouraging signs for the effectiveness of Islamic action since the Islamic states now seem to have developed a feeling of their grave responsibility and agree on the need for putting an end to negative approaches which overbearing any good to the nation. The paper reiterated that the way to salvation from the present situation would lie in adopting effective resolutions and preserving the nation's geographic entity and its eternal principles. The paper went on to say that the conferences at the summit would have to adopt a united stance and take a clear course to be able to consolidate the nation's existence and to

restore its legitimate rights.

Al Jazirah discussed the conspiracies of foreign hostile forces against the Islamic world, and expressed the conviction that their activities are, in fact, directed against the Islamic faith. It added that these forces believe that the Islamic faith is the basic source from which Muslims derive inspiration and strength and work to achieve their unity and solidarity. The paper blamed the Communist and Zionist forces for all the woes from which the Islamic world has been suffering in the present age. It, however, expressed the belief that the coming Islamic summit would take into consideration the challenges being thrown at the Islamic world by the hostile forces in the world, mainly the Communist and Zionist forces.

In an editorial, *Al Medina* discussed the Islamic Foreign Ministers' conference beginning in Taif Saturday. The paper said it is the first conference of foreign ministers of the 15th century of the Islamic calendar, which would work to pave the way for the Islamic summit conference, which would also be the first Islamic summit in the new century. It added that the Islamic action may differ in the political or economic approaches, but it would always remain united on essential matters. Any political observer interested in Muslim affairs would feel awed at the way Muslims are going to meet around one table, said the paper, adding that the meeting of Muslim leaders is aimed at serving the faith and the people they are leading.



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Vietnam today

A nation of rice, army and bicycles

By Howard Simons

HANOI (WP) — We were on the final approach to the Hanoi airport when the young western diplomat broke off our conversation and said, "Have a look at the bomb craters as we go down."

There they are. Just a few at first. Then tens of them. Tens more. Then hundreds in every direction. Brown, water-filled mudholes, round like those plastic backyard swimming pools. Five years later and unfilled.

The arrival lounge is a shed. Passport control is lax. Customs formalities are perfunctory. If no one is at the airport to meet you, there is no way to get to Hanoi — some 30 miles away. There are no buses or taxis.

I was met by Nguyen Canh Tan from the press office of the foreign ministry. He would be my interpreter, guide and escort for a three-day stay in Vietnam. On the second day I would run into the language barrier: Th Tan said, "Thank you for arranging today." And he replied, "It is not going to rain today."

On the tarmac at the airport are Soviet-made MiG fighter aircraft and captured American F-5s. Vietnamese officials will state that some American equipment is working and some not. A colonel will explain that Soviet military equipment is being used by the Vietnamese army, whereas most American equipment is supplied to the militia. Western intelligence sources say that 40 per cent of the American aircraft captured five years ago still is serviceable, a remarkable percentage.

In an interview with Nguyen Co Thach, Vietnam's foreign minister, he hints darkly that a few years ago representatives for American firms approached him and offered

to buy the captured American arsenal of tanks, heavy artillery, helicopters, planes. He provides no names. It is well known that the firms of other nations have sought to buy the equipment. Despite rumors, there is no evidence that Vietnam has sold its war booty. Thach says flatly, "We do not want to be an arms seller."

The evidence of war, not just the last short war or the last long war, is ubiquitous. My interpreter was wounded by shrapnel during a B-52 raid on his army unit. His father was killed fighting the French. My driver's brother was killed in the war against the United States.

As the driver takes you across the one-lane bridge leading to Hanoi, bridges still are down. There are some isolated anti-American war signs. But the bulk of the paintings now are anti-Chinese — the new enemy.

Hanoi, itself, is remarkably unscarred. It is a rich little poor city. Its wealth is in architecture: a southern-French villa style with an oriental marina. Parts of Hanoi are stunningly beautiful. Most of French Hanoi is varying shades of yellow and green. Lush, subtropical growth complements the architecture and the color of French Hanoi. The best villas have been given to Vietnam's friends — the Russians, East Europeans, Cubans. Neo-socialist construction has been held to a minimum — Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum and the new parliament building, both on Ba Dinh Square, are the two best — or worst — examples. On Dien Bien Phu Avenue, where some of the most fashionable villas are and nearby to the foreign ministry, is the army museum, displaying the military equipment used and captured in three wars.

A Scandinavian student on his way Hanoi to visit his diplomat parents for the holidays ootes, "Well, here we are, a nation of rice, army and bicycles." He is right.

Bicycles are to Hanoi what automobiles are to Los Angeles. So essential are they to the transport economy of this poor but proud nation that the man who pumps air into bicycle tires earns more than a university professor and as much as a doctor.

The army, too, is everywhere, but not seen. Maybe this is so because, as in China, most men wear the same khaki or blue clothes like the military forces do. Red lapel patches are most often the giveaway.

Rice is something else. It is in short supply. Vietnam is hungry. Three typhoons over the past year are partially to blame for the food shortage that is afflicting Vietnam, especially the north. Rations have been cut, even for the military.

There is a thriving black market where meat, for example, sells for 10 times the official price. But it's not always available. A Vietnamese says, "Sometimes fresh vegetables cannot be bought no matter how much money one has." Cloth is short, too.

The shortages promise to get worse. Just how much worse is anyone's guess an anyone's perspective. During a chat with a group

of diplomats one evening it became apparent that those from the West are more pessimistic than those from Asian nations. Westerners here think that there will be severe malnutrition next year. One says "famine." An Asian diplomat challenges both assumptions. He thinks Vietnamese hunger is relative. "The Vietnamese," he says, "may not have all the good food they want, but they have all the basics."

Several miles out of Hanoi the Swedes are helping to build a paper mill. However, the work is being slowed, because the Vietnamese laborers are too weak from hunger to do their best. Against the wishes of the authorities, the Swedes have decided to import rice and wheat, open a canteen at the plant site and supplement the diet of the Vietnamese workers. Rumors in Hanoi have it that now the authorities plan to reduce the workers' rations by an amount equal to the Swedish supplement.

The Vietnamese concede they have shortages but do not characterize them in dire terms. They explain patiently, if not without exasperation, that Vietnam has had troubles before, it is not a new challenge and that they will persevere. Meanwhile, they count on the Russians to bail them out.

Russians are everywhere in Vietnam, and everywhere in Vietnam the Russians are liked. In Hanoi the Russians live in their own compound. At night they rarely, if ever, wander outside their compound.

In Saigon — or Ho Chi Minh city, as it now is called — it is unsafe for Russians to wander around the city at night on their own.

On a different scale, there is heavy speculation among Russian-watchers in Hanoi that a half-dozen years or so they'll be invited out of Vietnam. The Russians apparently think this, too. This explains, say the Soviet-watchers here, why they Russians over the past half-year have been increasing their aid and presence in Cambodia and Laos.

One bit of evidence is the fact that the Russians now have a direct flight to Phnom Penh, the only other nation to have such. Hitherto, Aeroflot had to stop in Hanoi before flying on to Cambodia. Another bit of evidence is that the Russians have increased their presence in nearby Laos in such numbers, says a western diplomat, as to worry Vietnam. Parenthetically, the Russians in Laos are paid in U.S. dollars.

What applies to the north doesn't always apply to the south, and the other way around. Thus, for example, whereas the north is critically short of food, the south is less so. From all reports, conditions there are better. It is apparent that the south is far more affluent and less controlled than the north. Travel in the south has to be in heavily armed military convoys, according to several diplomats in Hanoi. Still, the south is the place to go to buy radios and calculators, all openly displayed on the streets of Ho Chi Minh city. There is apparently no shortage of luxuries in the city.

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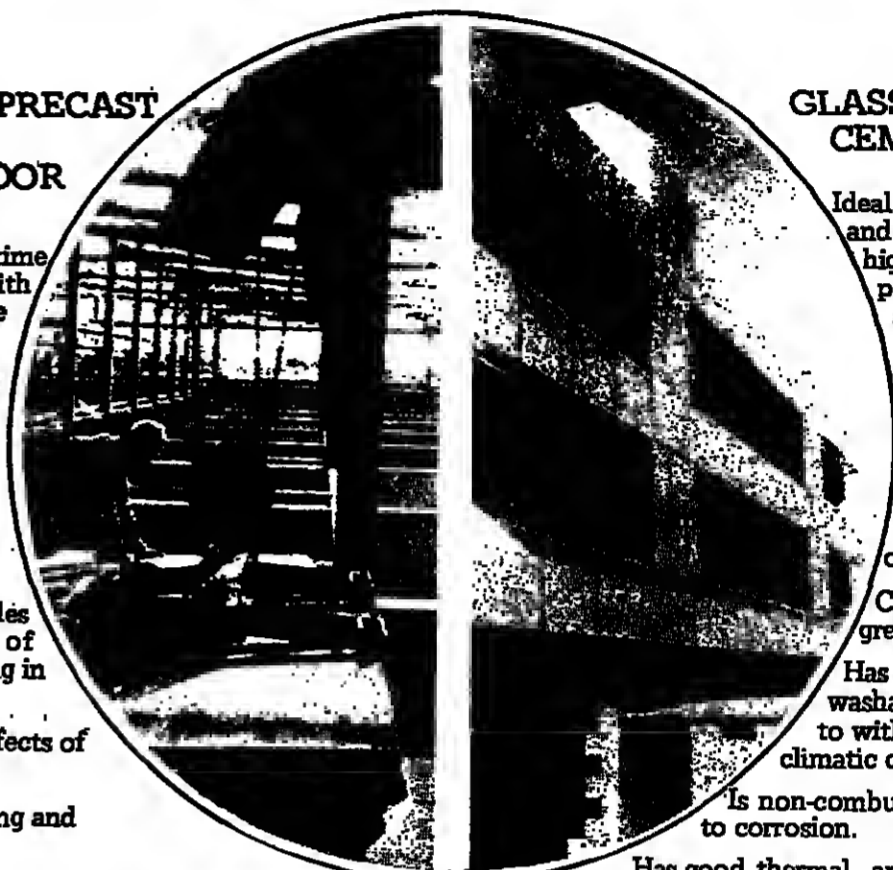
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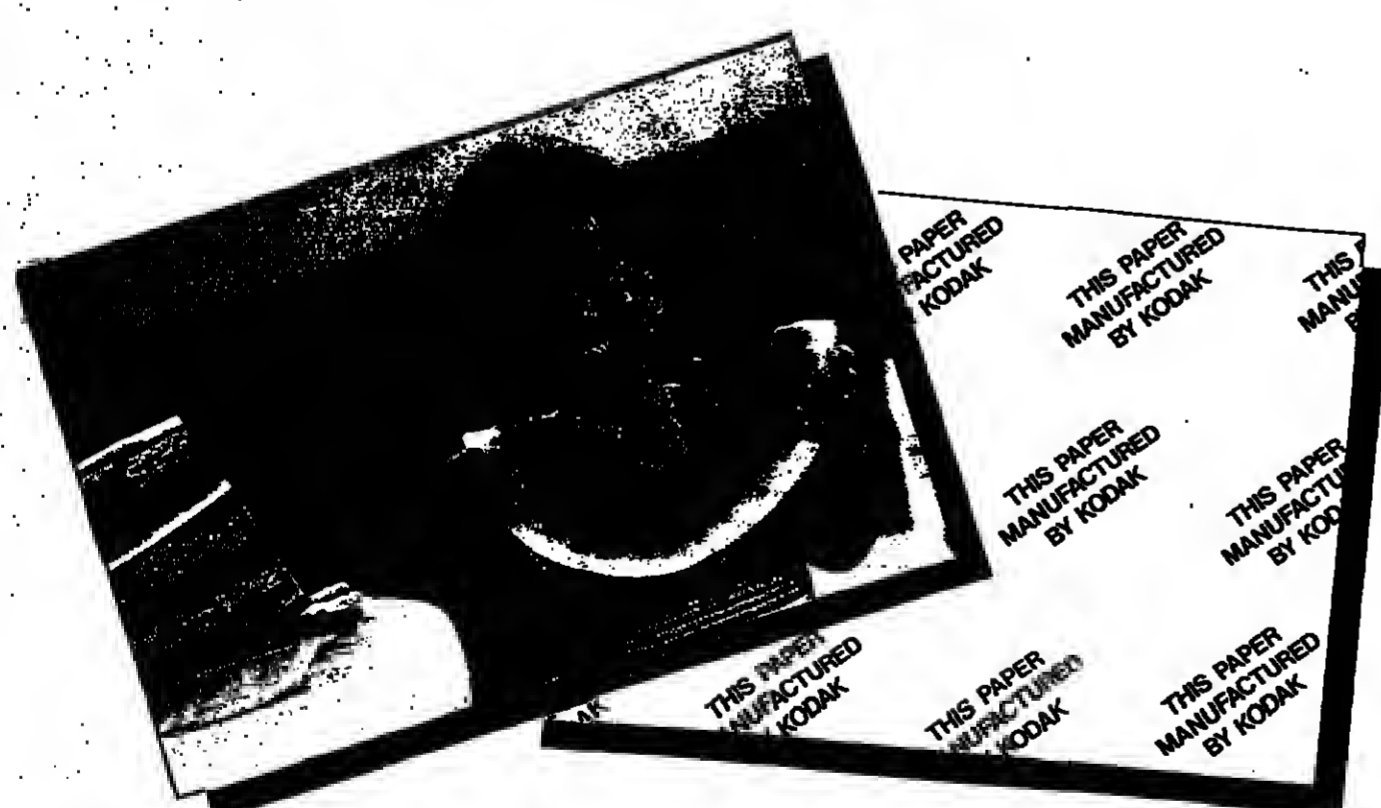
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Suzuki in Malaysia**Japan told to solve Kampuchea**

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 16 (Agencies) Malaysia has asked Japan to play a major role in finding a political solution to the Kampuchean problem. The issue dominated the political side of discussions Thursday between visiting Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn, following Suzuki's arrival for a three-day visit here.

Foreign ministers of the two countries, Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir

Muhammad and senior cabinet ministers of Malaysia were present at the first part of the talks which lasted over 90 minutes. Later, other Malaysian ministers and the entire Japanese delegation and senior officials of the two sides participated in the talks for over an hour.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen, briefing the press on the talks, said that he would have further discussions on Kampuchea with his Japanese

counterpart, Masayoshi Ito.

During discussions on bilateral economic issues, Japan promised to continue the line of yen credit for the fourth Malaysia plan being launched in April. For the third plan Japan gave four yen credits totalling \$400 million.

Japan had assured Malaysia of continued support in the field of economic cooperation, he said. The Malaysian foreign minister said that new ways of finding a political solution of the Kampuchean problem were discussed. The Japanese prime minister expressed appreciation of the ASEAN stand in this respect. "We would like to see an urgent solution of the problem," he said.

Marcos to lift martial law

MANILA, Jan. 16 (R) — President Ferdinand Marcos said Friday that he would issue a proclamation Saturday lifting martial law in the Philippines, the government-run radio said.

The president, who proclaimed martial law Sept. 21, 1972, said last month that it would be lifted some time next month.

He would address the Philippine Constitution Association Saturday on the seventh anniversary of the ratification of the 1973 constitution.

The radio said that he told members of his ruling New Society Movement in the interim National Assembly that he would issue the proclamation after they approved in principle his decision.

Marcos met his cabinet and the expanded National Security Council Thursday to brief them on the role of civilian and military leaders when martial law ends.

The movement, launched at the same time as martial law, controls a large majority of seats in the interim National Assembly.

Opponents of Marcos have attacked the lifting of martial law as a sham aimed at retaining absolute power in the hands of the president. One of the leaders of the United Democratic Opposition, former President Diosdado Macapagal, said "Marcos has now so overstayed in his illegitimate, corrupt and ineffectual one-man rule that his early fall looms as 'irresistible.'"



President Ferdinand Marcos

Diana joins royal party

LONDON, Jan. 16 (AP) — Lady Diana Spencer, widely tipped as the future bride of Prince Charles, Britain's heir to the throne, has joined the royal family on vacation at Sandringham, the British Broadcasting Corporation reported.

In its mid-evening television news bulletin, the BBC Wednesday said 19-year-old Diana traveled by a train to the royal estate and was expected to remain there for "two or three days."

Buckingham Palace declined to confirm the report. "We do not comment on private guests at Sandringham," a palace spokesman said.

Patrol party ambushed**Extremists kill 6 in India**

NEW DELHI, Jan. 16 (Agencies) — Extremists ambushed a security patrol in India's northern state of Manipur Thursday night and killed six persons, including three policemen, police sources said Friday. Five persons were injured. Several understood insurgent groups have been operating in the state, which was declared a disturbed area last September.

In another development, six persons were killed and 10 others wounded Wednesday when police shot at a rioting detainee in a jail in Samastipur, northern India, the United News of India reported. The police turned their guns on the violent prisoners after they failed to disperse them with teargas shells and cane clubs. Fire brigade personnel also sprayed the rioters with water hoses in vain. UNI said.

Officials told UNI that the prisoners began their revolt Monday demanding better facilities. They scaled the walls of the jail and hurled stones at jailors and police when they asked them to open talks to settle their grievances. Local officials Wednesday accompanied by a group of policemen visited the

jail and urged the rebels to start negotiations. The prisoners responded by attacking the group with staves and clubs. Police opened gunfire when one prisoner shot at them with a homemade gun.

Meanwhile, — nearly 5,000 members of opposition parties were arrested Thursday in Maharashtra state during protests against a 40 per cent increase in bus fares. Most of the arrested protesters were released in the evening.

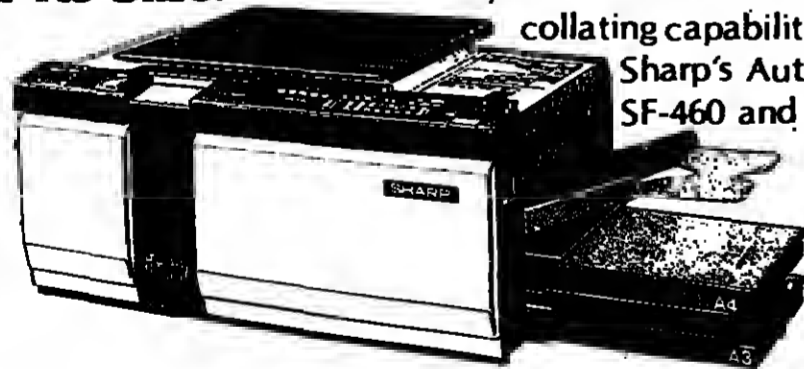
The demonstrators blockaded roads and bus terminals and deflated the tires of government-owned vehicles in protest against "the exorbitant fare hike," effective from Thursday, the agency said.

In Nasik, attempts were made to set some city buses on fire, it added. The fare increase followed a hike in the prices of all petroleum products Tuesday. Gasoline went up 7.3 per cent and diesel fuel by 17.5 per cent.

In another incident, at least 12 pilgrims perished in mishaps during a religious festival celebrated Wednesday, the UNI reported. A boat sank at the confluence of the Ganges River and the Bay of Bengal in eastern India, killing at least seven persons.

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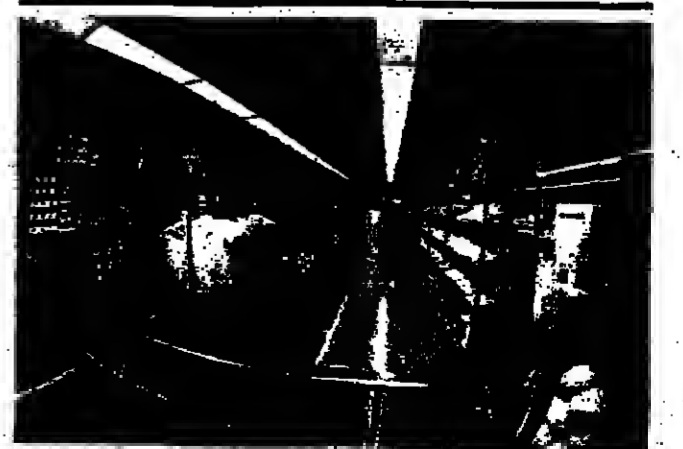
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From Egypt

Afghan fighters to get missiles

ESHAWAR, Jan. 16 (AP) — Afghan nationalists will have Egyptian-supplied M-7 missiles to fire at the Soviet Union's stoore invincible MI-24 helicopter gunships by this spring, a nationalist leader has dictated.

It will bring about a qualitative change in the "entire situation," claimed Muhammad Jim Aryubi, 38, political chairman of the National Islamic Front. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat promised to supply the relatively light, shoulder-fired M-7 at a Cairo meeting last month with representatives of five Afghan freedom-fighter groups based in Pakistan, Aryubi said.

At the time said Sadat offered — tank and anti-aircraft weapons to the resistance, but his statement did not officially identify the SAM-7 as among them.

he insurgents need a weapon capable of hitting the MI-24 helicopter gunship, which made the most fearless Afghan nationalist leader run, Aryubi said. "Our fighters will be in an interview. "But, defenseless against heavily-plated helicopter, they have to themselves."

Meanwhile, a show of muscle by Soviet and Afghan armored units averted an expected burst in Kabul last weekend when military conscripts were told their 30 days of duty were being extended, a western diplomatic source said Wednesday.

Officers in both armies and the Kabul

police force put their men on alert and armored units took up positions throughout the capital to head off any violence Saturday when the regime of President Babrak Karmal announced its new military service law, said the source, who asked not to be identified.

The law lowered the mandatory draft age from 22 to 20 and extended the normal two-year tours of duty for conscripts by six months, the diplomat said. Army commanders were told to release those men who had completed the additional six months of service and retain all those who had not.

Buried among the 90 articles of the new law but announced to the public was a provision for the re-drafting of men under age 40 who have completed their military service and been discharged, the source said. To take the edge off the news about the draft extensions, the bill also "considerably" raised the pay scales for soldiers, the source said. Specific figures were not available.

Another diplomatic source said here Wednesday that Afghan soldiers who voluntarily serve beyond the mandatory time would be paid the equivalent of about \$50 to 75 a month — nearly 10 times the pay of a conscripted private. That source added that the

new law also provided "severe penalties" for draft dodgers. A mob of policemen went on the rampage in Kabul late last month when informed their tours were being extended. A number of people were reported killed or injured in the rock-throwing violence that eventually was crushed by Soviet troops and Afghan riot police.

Meanwhile, a leading Afghan freedom fighters group said Wednesday that three British labor members of parliament had visited Afghanistan with closed eyes and ears and did not hear "the painful cries of an oppressed nation."

Jamiat Islami Afghanistan, a leading Islamic fundamentalist party which has been at the forefront of the two-and-a-half-year independent movement against Kabul's Soviet-backed governments, denounced the visit and rejected their comments in London on the situation in Afghanistan as totally wrong.

The nationalist group offered to take the three British MPs to any part of Afghanistan to show them the real situation if they were sincere in finding out the facts about the country.

W. Berlin mayor falls

WEST BERLIN, Jan. 16 (R) — West Berlin's Christian Democratic (CDU) opposition moved to force fresh elections Friday after governing Mayor Dietrich Stobbe's left-liberal coalition was toppled over a finance scandal Thursday.

The CDU launched a massive petition campaign to compel the city authorities to call a new vote two years ahead of schedule, saying elections were "the cleanest solution to the government crisis." Meanwhile, governing Social Democrats (SPD) and Free Democrats (FDP) met separately to review the possibility of forming a new senate (city government) after Mayor Stobbe's surprise

defeat in the city parliament.

West Berlin's constitution requires the senate to hold a referendum on fresh elections if it receives petitions with more than 80,000 signatures. But the CDU campaign appeared aimed more at making it impossible for the coalition to patch up a new government than at going through with the lengthy Volksbegehren (people's petition) procedure.

Mayor Stobbe announced his resignation after parliament rejected four ministerial nominations he had proposed to end a prolonged crisis in his shaky coalition. "I have not found a majority in parliament for my proposal for a reshuffle of the senate," he said.

Objection by government

Bandaranaike plea dismissed

COLOMBO, Jan. 16 (AP) — Sri Lanka's former prime minister Sirimao Bandaranaike, expelled from parliament and exiled from politics for seven years, has lost a legal battle to win back her civic rights when the Supreme Court dismissed her writ petition.

Sirimao and her kinsman Felix Dias Bandaranaike, who had also been disenfranchised for seven years, applied for a writ against the special presidential commission which had found them guilty of power abuse during the years 1970 to 1977 when Sirimao was prime minister. The court upheld a preliminary objection of the attorney-general that the special presidential commission was not subject to writ jurisdiction.

Senior Judge George Smarayickrame,

who chaired a three-judge bench, said Thursday the granting of the writs would necessarily imply that the parliamentary resolutions expelling and exiling them were invalid.

The court did not go into the substance of the petitioners' complaint and said that it had formed no view on whether the allegations made were well founded.

The presiding judge said in his determination: "I am conscious of the fact that this decision means that without going into the factual aspects of the petitioners' complaints, because of a preliminary legal objection, the petitioners are declared disenfranchised to a remedy in a matter in which each of them rightly or wrongly feels that he or she has a serious grievance to place before court."

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Industrial output rises by 1% in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (R) — Industrial production in the United States rose by about one per cent in December, according to a report issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday, the fifth monthly gain in a row. The December figures continued to show surprising strength in the U.S. economy, but many private economists remained convinced a recession may be approaching.

The December increase in the index, which measures the combined output of the nation's factories, mines and public services, was down on the 1.7 per cent averaged in the previous three months.

Private analysts said the increase reflected

Angola, Greece increase prices of crude oil

LISBON, Jan. 16 (Agencies) — Angola has increased the price of its crude oil exports by nearly \$3 a barrel, the Angolan News Agency Angop reported. Oil Minister Jorge Morais announced the price would rise to \$38.75 a barrel from \$35.80, backdated to Jan. 1, Angop said in a telexed despatch to Reuters.

The new price applies to sales of oil from the Northern Cabinda province to Angola's contract customers, Angop added.

Angola's oil production last year, was officially estimated at about eight million tons (160,000 barrels per day).

Meanwhile, Greece raised petrol prices Thursday to meet increases in its oil import bill, the ministry of commerce announced Wednesday.

To the meantime consumer prices in the major Western industrial countries rose 0.8 per cent in November as energy prices began moving upward again, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Wednesday.

However, the rate of increase in consumer prices stayed the same as in the previous month. The rise in prices since November 1979 was 12.4 per cent, compared with 12.3 per cent in the year to October.

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strong consumer and business spending in the last few months of the year. A more recent dip in spending should translate into production cuts in the first quarter of this year, if not a renewed recession, some said.

Sandra Shaber, senior economist with the Philadelphia consulting firm Chase Econometrics, said that both last year's recession and the subsequent recovery were consumer-led.

Weakness in retail sales shown in government figures for December released earlier this week suggested a decline in production and the economy in general during the first quarter, she added.

Vao Jolissaint, a senior economist with the Washington-based Evans Economics, said that while the December production figures were "certainly good," they showed that industry had over-reacted to the late burst in buying last year.

The December increase "will be the last one reported for about three months" with output slipping by between one and two per cent during the period, he said.

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Abu Dhabi grants N. Yemen \$10.2m

ABU DHABI, Jan. 16 (AFP) — Abu Dhabi Arab Development Fund granted a \$10.2 million loan to North Yemen over 20 years at 3.5 per cent interest. This loan will help finance extensions to electricity distribution networks in several North Yemeni towns.

U.S.-Algeria talks cover gas supply

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP) — The United States and Algeria have opened talks on Algerian liquefied natural gas exports to this country, the State Department has said. The talks began on Monday and were expected to last several days. This is the sixth in a series of discussions on the subject between the two governments.

The Algerian delegation was headed by Sadek Boussena, director-general for planning of the Algerian ministry of energy. The American negotiators were led Kes Goldman, assistant secretary of the department.

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Outlays for the peace corps would total \$120.9 million, up from \$106.6 million in 1981. Carter said this would support a modest increase in the program. The administration asked congress to approve \$1.08 billion for World Bank lending to poor nations for 1981, which it failed to enact last year, as well as to approve an additional \$1.08 billion for fiscal 1982.

The total foreign affairs budget for fiscal 1982 provides \$12.2 billion in outlays, up from \$11.3 billion in 1981. It includes \$2.66 billion for the Export-Import Bank, which finances U.S. exports and \$2.6 billion for operations of the state department. The administration seeks lending authority for the Export-Import Bank of \$4.59 billion.

The administration said the exact number of refugees who would be admitted to the country in fiscal 1982 is not known, but the budget would set aside, \$297 million for the transportation and initial resettlement in the United States of 144,000 Indochinese and 43,000 other refugees, most of them from the Soviet Union and eastern Europe. Other money would be spent for refugee assistance abroad.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — Abu Dhabi Tanker Company has placed orders with French Alstom-Atlantique of Saint Nazaire for three 27,500-ton tankers. The ships, to be delivered in 1983, will carry refined petroleum products within the Gulf region.

TURIN, (AFP) — Fiat-Alis hopes shortly to book a \$100 million order from the Soviet Union for 300 Caterpillar trucks. These 63-ton vehicles are generally used for highway construction, at excavation sites or in mining, the Fiat group said Thursday.

DACCA, (AFP) — The usually weak economy of Bangladesh seems likely to benefit from unusually good grain harvests late last year and the prospect of a good winter crop of jute. Meanwhile, the new season for exports of jute, the country's major foreign exchange earner, is about to begin. However, these hopes for the economy are set against mounting prices and unemployment.

France to cut oil imports by using gasohol

PARIS, Jan. 16 (R) — Industry Minister Andre Giraud has announced a plan to cut substantially the volume of imported oil used as transport fuel in France, largely by making extensive use of gasohol (petrol mixed with alcohol).

The minister presented the plan at the weekly cabinet meeting Wednesday, a spokesman said.

Imported oil at present accounts for almost all the fuel used by various forms of French

transport but Giraud's plan would reduce the proportion to 50 per cent by 1990.

The program initially aims to put fuels containing 25 to 50 per cent alcohol, derived from vegetables, onto the market in five years' time.

The Sugarbeet Planters' Association, campaigning for greater use of surplus stocks to make fuel, welcomed the proposals while describing the goals set by Giraud as very ambitious.

If achieved, France could rank with Brazil, a pioneer in the field, in its use of gasohol. Brazil experimented with gasohol, using alcohol from its vast sugar plantations, before World War II and is now developing cars to run on alcohol alone.

In the United States, President Carter set a goal of producing enough alcohol to substitute for 10 per cent of U.S. petrol consumption by 1990.

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Sweden moves up

CARDIFF, Jan. 16 (AFP) — Britain crashed to a 1-2 defeat in their Kings Tennis clash against Sweden here Thursday when Anders Jarryd and Hans Sironsson beat Buster Mottram and David Lloyd 6-3, 6-4 in the doubles. Earlier the singles had been shared. Mottram, the British number-one, recovered from a had start to beat Per Hjertquist 6-4, 5-7 while Jarryd defeated Andrew Jarrett 6-3, 6-4.

Jarryd, one of Europe's top youngsters, gave Sweden a fine start when he proved too strong for the 23-year-old British number six and scored his win in 80 minutes. Jarrett had replaced Richard Lewis as second string in the British team, following the home side's 3-0 win over Hungary in Birmingham last weekend.

Czechoslovakia even without their number-one Ivan Lendl, were too strong for Finland. The Czechs won both their singles with Stanislav Birner defeating Matti Timonen 6-4, 7-6 and Davis Cup star Tomas Smid beating Leo Palin 7-6, 6-4. Lendl is currently competing in the Masters tournament in New York.

France crushed Norway 3-0. In the singles Jean Cotard beat Ola Nordhaug 6-2, 6-2 and Henri Leconte defeated Per Hegna 6-2, 6-1. Leconte and Tulasne then scored a 7-6, 6-3 win over Ola Nordhaug and Björn Naume in the doubles.

In Sofia, Bulgaria beat Belgium 3-0. Julian Stamatov beat Thierry Stevaux 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, and Bojibar Pampoulov beat Bernard Boileau 6-4, 7-6 in the singles and Stamatov and Aussen Dikhov then defeated Boileau and Alain Brichaut 6-7, 6-2, 6-1 in the doubles.

At Győr in Hungary, the Soviet Union were another team not to drop a match when they scored a 3-0 victory over Hungary. Vladimir Pugaev put the Russians on their winning path with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 victory over Peter Szoeké and Vladimir Borisov made it 2-0 when he defeated Janos Benyik 6-1, 6-2, 7-5. Borisov and Leoyuk then won the doubles in straight-sets.

The Netherlands also had an easy win at Apeldoorn against Monaco, winning the two singles and doubles in straight sets and conceding only 12 games in all.

Marc Albert beat Jacques Vinceloni 6-1, 6-2. Louk Sanders defeated Bernard Balleret 6-4, 6-3 and then Sanders and Albert crushed Balleret and Michel Borgifa 6-0, 6-2.

Switzerland, although they could not use their top player Heinz Günthardt (ill with flu) in their line-up proved too strong for Italy. They won 3-0.



SPLENDID DASH: Wilbert Montgomery of Eagles breaks away from the Dallas Cowboys defenders to pile up almost 200 yards and help the Birds win a Super Bowl berth in Philadelphia on Sunday.

Connors, Lendl make semifinals

Borg ousts McEnroe in tense match

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (R) — Defending champion Bjorn Borg survived two penalty points to beat John McEnroe 6-4, 6-7, 7-6 in an argument-filled match Thursday night and go into the semi-finals of the \$400,000 masters Tennis Tournament. McEnroe's defeat, his second in two nights he lost to Mayer on Wednesday, chances of reaching the semifinals and precluded a possible second match against Borg in Sunday's final.

Earlier, former Masters champion Jimmy Connors, 20-year-old Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and Gene Mayer advanced to the semi-final round of the eight-man round-robin event.

Borg and McEnroe, in another tense encounter of the type that has characterized their great rivalry, electrified a capacity crowd of 19,103 in Madison Square Garden with their spectacular shot-making and awesome serving. After finding himself within three points of defeat in the 12th game of the second set, McEnroe recovered to break Borg's service. He then won the ensuing tie breaker, 7-3, after the 24-year-old Swede

was penalized two points by umpire Michael Lugg of Britain for delaying the match.

Borg, though obviously upset then recovered to hold his service throughout the third set — as did McEnroe — and then capture the second tie-breaker, 7 points to 2. Borg had been angered when Lugg reversed a linesman's call on a point that would have given him a 4-3 lead in the second-set tie-breaker.

After issuing a warning Lugg announced that he was penalizing Borg a point, eliciting a wave of boos from the gallery. When Borg continued to argue the umpire penalized him a second point, putting McEnroe at triple set point on 6-3. Again the crowd, the largest to watch an indoor tennis tournament, responded with loud boos.

Under Grand Prix rules, Lugg was within his rights in reversing the linesman's call, though most of the crowd appeared to think the shot in question had been good.

Earlier, in the match, the volatile McEnroe had argued frequently with linesmen over calls. But he never pressed any of his arguments to the point of a warning or penalty.

Erving's milestone effort in vain

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (AP) — Marques Johnson said it may have been the Milwaukee Bucks' most important victory of the season, and they achieved it because a likely superstar of the future had upstaged one of the present.

Johnson poured in 24 points, but it was Sidney Moncrief who ignited the Bucks by scoring all but four of his 22 points in the second half. Moncrief also staked Philadelphia's brilliant Julius Erving in the closing minutes as the Bucks held on for a 113-110 victory.

The 76ers, with the best record in the National Basketball Association, had a six-game winning streak broken despite a milestone 28-point effort by Erving, who has 20,014 points in nine professional seasons. Erving, who received a standing ovation from the capacity crowd of 11,052 when his feat was announced, became the 13th player in pro basketball history to score 20,000 points. Wilt Chamberlain leads with 31,419.

Erving said he was happy to have surpassed 20,000 points, but would have preferred to do it at home. The Bucks have won two of three games with the 76ers this season, and atoned for a 136-121 thrashing in the teams' last meeting here Nov. 9. The 136 points were the most allowed by the Bucks in a game this season.

Bullets 106, Pistons 89: Elvin Hayes

Bullets too good for Pistons

scored 22 of his 28 points in the second half and Kevin Porter had 16 of 25 in the final two periods to pace the Bullets, who won despite the absence of four players, including starters Wes Unseld and Bob Dandridge. It was Detroit's seventh straight loss.

Boston Celtics 120, Cleveland Cavaliers 113: Robert Parish scored 33 points as Boston beat Cleveland for its sixth consecutive victory. Parish, acquired from Golden State just prior to the draft last June, also grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked seven shots as the Celtics rallied from a 66-61 deficit at halftime for their 18th victory in the last 19 starts.

Portland Trail Blazers 110, Kansas City Kings 91: Kelvin Ransey scored 32 points to

lead Portland over Kansas City. Complementing Ransey's effort were guard Jim Paxson, who added 23 points, and Bob Gross, who came off the bench to score 16.

The Trail Blazers pulled away from Kansas City late in the third period. The Kings came from as many as 12 points down to go up 71-70.

Results of the European Men's Korac Cup: In Italy, Sebastiani (Italy) beat Royal Anderlecht (Belgium) 105-80. In Yugoslavia, Zadar (Yugoslavia) beat Eb Orther (France) 104-103. In Varese, Emerson Varese (Italy) beat Barcelona (Spain) 112-88. In Salonika, Aris Salonika (Greece) beat Yugoslavians Split (Yugoslavia) 87-83.

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India beaten again in World Cup Cricket

SYDNEY, Jan. 16 (AFP) — India were eliminated from the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup limited-over competition when it lost to Australia by 27 runs at the Sydney Cricket Ground Thursday night.

Australia's performance was highlighted by a man-of-the-match innings of 85 by opener Allan Border and the spirited bowling of Dennis Lillee, who took 4 for 32. India's defeat was its sixth in nine qualifying matches and leaves it in last position.

Australia now has 12 points from its six wins with three losses while New Zealand has eight points from four wins with four losses. India has six points from three wins and six losses.

3 Score-board

AUSTRALIA:	
G. Wood c Binny b Patel	26
A. Border c Kirri Assad b Donald	85
O. Chappell c Yashpal Sharma b Patel	2
K. Hughes c Kapil Dev b Binny	39
O. Walters b Umarji	38
T. Chappell c Venkataratnam b Kapil	14
R. Marsh c Binny b Ghavid	12
S. Graf c Ghavid b Kapil Dev	2
D. Lillee not out	1
R. Hoeg not out	1
Extras:	19
Total (for 6 wickets)	242
* FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-55, 3-135, 4-151, 5-216, 6-230, 7-233, 8-240.	
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 10-1-46-2; Ghavid 10-0-39-2; Binny 10-0-45-1; Patel 16-3-34-2; Donald 10-0-39-1.	
INDIA:	
S. Gavaskar b Lillee	1
R. Binny b Graf	34
O. Venkataratnam c Marsh b Hoeg	5
G. Viswanath c and b G. Chappell	27
Y. Sharma c Marsh b G. Chappell	25
S. Patel b Lillee	27
K. Anand b Lillee	19
Kapil Dev. c Marsh b Lillee	20
K. Ghavid not out	11
R. Reddy not out	6
D. Donald did not bat	6
Extras:	11
TOTAL: (for 8 wickets)	215
BOWLING: Lillee 10-1-32-4; Hoeg 10-1-34-1; Graf 10-2-36-1; Patel 10-0-44-4; D. Chappell 10-0-39-2.	

Tough series - Botham

BRIDGETOWN, Jan. 16 (AFP) — England's cricketers arrived in the Caribbean to start what their captain, Ian Botham, admitted was going to be "a very tough" series of five Tests against the West Indies. The team arrived from London and spent four hours here before flying to Antigua where they will have special practice for the next week.

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Netherlands are champions

By Shahid Orakzi Arab News Correspondent

KARACHI, Jan. 16 — The Champions' trophy, third biggest world hockey title, began its maiden journey to the European continent when Holland bagged the same trophy by beating England 7-4 Friday.

Australia claimed the silver medal with their thumping 4-1 victory over Spain. Pakistan, the world champions, failed to claim the bronze when they were held to a 2-2 draw by West Germany, who finished third in a better goal average.

But another shock for the 20,000 home fans was the announcement of the death of veteran Pakistani hockey player Col. I.S. Datta. Datta, who led the combined India eleven in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, where he scored a hat-trick in the final, died of heart failure 30 minutes before Pakistan lost the title it had retained for the last two years.

The Dutch captain and striker Paul Litjens, who also was the highest scorer in this tournament, for a second time held the 20 lbs trophy for five minutes as scores of photographers flashed. The Dutch, however, had to struggle extremely hard in their last match as the young England side rebounded twice to level their two-goal lead.

Litjens' five goals out of the total seven scored by Netherlands included a hat trick. British defender David Craig also had the honor of scoring a hat trick when he equalized 4-4 for his team in the second half of the game.

At one moment England appeared to be forcing a third draw on the sturdy Dutch when they levelled the 4-2 lead that Holland managed through their lightning raids in the early stages of second half. The score at the interval was 2-2. England forwards were seen at their best and Dutch attempts to block them with body play were penalised by penalty-corners.

It was only through the gimmicks of the penalty-corners that Holland managed their win. Hockey lost a bit of its thrill in this tournament in which 75 per cent goals came through penalty-corners. England's defence collapsed against Litjens, who hits with such force that the ball remains invisible even in slow motion action-replay on screen.

Litjens who was the second highest scorer in this tournament with six goals in four matches, added another five in the last, to cross Michael Peter of Germany, who had a total of eight to his credit. Last year Litjens scored 15 goals.

In the second match, Spaniards who drew

the Dutch 3-3 Wednesday looked much depressed against Australia. The Aussies led 3-0 at half-time and added another in the second half. It was only in the closing moments that Spain could console itself by reducing the lead through penalty-corner specialist Goghen.

Charlesworth the Australian skipper and a Test cricketer as well, is unparalleled in stamina. He plays everywhere, quickly changing positions and running back and forth in the field, with his dribble matched by few in contemporary hockey. He shot his team into early lead through a penalty-stroke.

Soebak outstanding

JACHYMOV, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 16 (AFP) — Norway's Kjell Soebak won the 10 kilometers World Cup Biathlon here Friday in a time of 35 mins 53.2 secs, ahead of the Soviet Union's Viktor Avdeyev (35:56.8) and Sweden's Emil-Hans Achman (36:27.8).

Zenon sparkles for Ahli

By Munir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Jan. 16 — Giving a sparkling performance, Ahli overcame a stiff hurdle when they beat Nahda 3-0 Thursday. Nahda, who drew with Hilal Monday, could not keep pace with Ahli's surprising fast moves. With this win Ahli move among the top four and

are well set for Sunday's tough match against traditional rivals Ittihad.

Brazilian Zenon was the star of the game combining well with Jamal Hamza, who played for Ahli for the first time in this league. Amin Dahu, Ahli's striker, did not participate in the match, but his absence was not felt.

Jamal Hamza scored two of his team's goals, while Zenon scored the other. Hamza scored in the 28th minute, followed by Zenon's in the 35th minute before he scored again in the 59th minute.

Among the 15th week games of the National Football League was also Qadisiyya's match against Riyadh in Riyadh Thursday. Qadisiyya won 3-0 which means the ouster of Riyadh from the top ten teams by the end of the league.

Marsilio, a Brazilian, scored for Qadisiyya in the third minute followed by Muhammad Dosari's goal four minutes later. In the beginning of the second half, Saud Jasem netted Qadisiyya's third goal. Except for some rare moments, Riyadh never came any way near scoring.

Three more matches are slated for Friday. Hilal will meet Ittifaq and Nasr plays against Shabab. The two encounters might change the standing of Hilal and Nasr who are both in the lead of the league.

Ittihad will play Jabalein in Hail. Jabalein is next to the bottom of the league's standings, but it has drawn or defeated some of the major teams. Ittihad cannot not afford to draw or lose to retain the third position, since Ahli won against Nahda and added two points in its deposit.

Ray Kennedy nets winner for Liverpool

LONDON, Jan. 16 (R) — Ray Kennedy gave English champions Liverpool a useful 1-0 away win over Manchester City in the first leg of the Football League Cup semi-finals Wednesday night. Kennedy got the solitary goal nine minutes from time and Liverpool now have every chance of reaching the final for the second time in four seasons.

City face the daunting task of ending Liverpool's 85-match unbeaten home run in the return leg on February 10. The Manchester Club have not won there themselves for 25 years.

Meanwhile, Adidas will be claiming restraint of trade by the English Football League in a complaint to the European commission in Brussels over the sports equipment manufacturers' "tango" hall. Adidas said the football league has contravened the restrictive practices "agreements of the treaty of Rome by forbidding clubs to use the black and white "tango".

In Barcelona, Dutch football star John Cruyff might play for the first division Spanish side Espanol Barcelona and be paid on a match-by-match basis, according to a local newspaper, *Diets*. The daily said the 34-year-old Cruyff, currently a coach for Ajax, would still like to play another year and preferably in Spain.

The International Football Federation announced the draw for the third round of the African Group World Cup qualifying series. The draw is: Algeria — Niger; Guinea — Nigeria; Morocco — Egypt; Zaire — Cameroun. The first-leg is scheduled for May 31.

Ulf Anderson tops

HASTINGS, Jan. 16 (AP) — Swedish grandmaster Ulf Anderson played for a quick draw against challenger Anatoly Lein of the United States in the final round of the Hastings International Chess Congress Thursday to win the first prize.

Lein played with the white pieces with a queens Indian defense opening but Anderson quickly blocked any chance of a game. The players only exchanged one pawn and built up a draw quickly. Anderson shared the title last year and won outright the previous year.

Eugenio Torre, the Philippines grandmaster, went all out for a decision and built up a strong king-side attack for victory in 43 moves over John Peters of the U.S. and took the second prize with 10 points. Lein had to be content with third place.

Other results: Petar Poppvic, Yugoslavia, drew with Lev Alburt of the United States in 38 moves; Robert Bellin, Britain, drew with Jamie Sunye, Brazil, in nine moves; Murray Chandler, New Zealand, drew with Lobotmir Ftacnik, Czechoslovakia, in 13 moves; Josef Pinter, Hungary, drew with Vladimir Liberson, Israel, in 12 moves; Paul Littlewood, Britain, lost to Jonathan Speelman, Britain, in 39 moves; Jonathan Mestel, Britain, beat Luizmar Brito, Brazil, in 54 moves.

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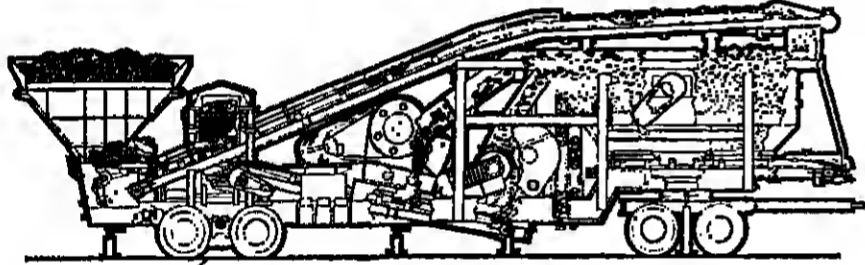
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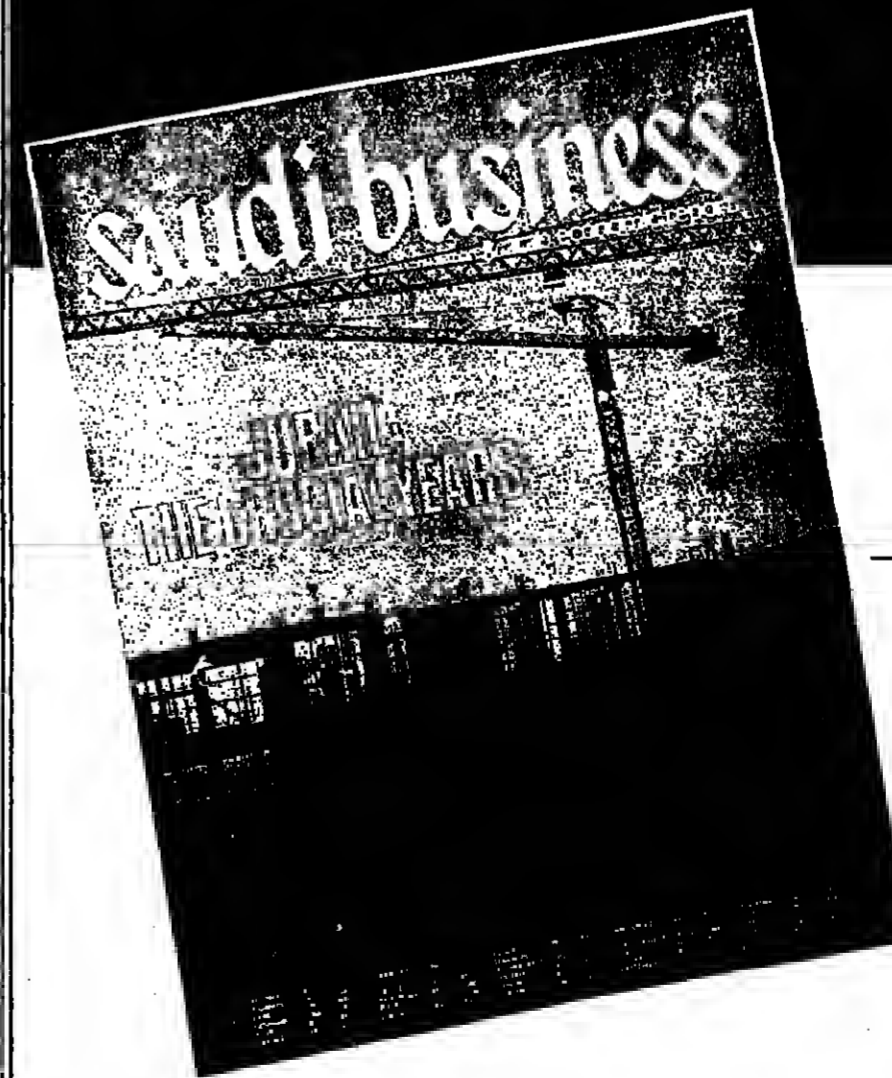
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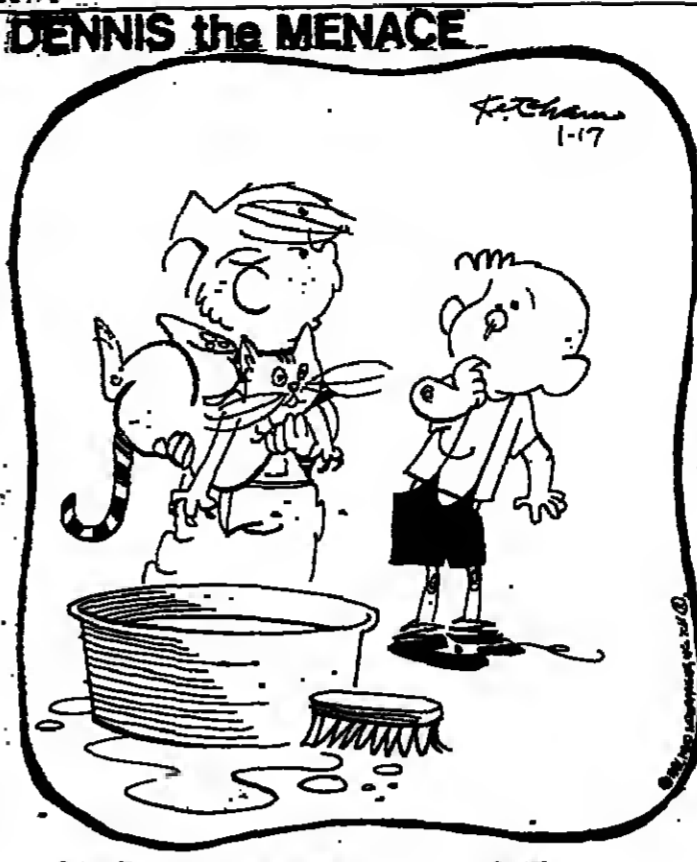
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20	Pass	2♥	Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠842 ♥AK7 ♦KQ987 ♣53
2. ♠Q5 ♥J4 ♦KQJ963 ♣AQ8
3. ♠6 ♥K4 ♦QJ9852 ♣AK98
4. ♠Q96 ♥K52 ♦AKJ864 ♣10

1. Two spades. North's two heart bid, a new suit by responder, is 100 per cent forcing, and you should now make the most descriptive bid possible. You can do this by bidding two spades. Partner will know that you started with minimum values because you've now twice expressed willingness to let the bidding die under game.

It would be wrong to raise two hearts to three hearts. This would indicate greater length in hearts than spades, which you obviously don't have. The high-card disparity between the two suits is not a decisive factor. It is more important to try to find the longest combined trump suit. There is a good chance that North has more spades than hearts, in which case spades will almost surely be the better trump suit.

2. Three notrump. Your two diamond bid was unquestionably an underbid, but there was no better alternative at the time. You can now compensate for the underbid by jumping to three notrump. The chance of making three notrump opposite a partner who made two forcing bids is excellent.

Two notrump would be inadequate; that is what you'd bid if your queen of diamonds were the deuce. It isn't, and you therefore bid three notrump to show that your prior two diamond bid was not as weak as it might have been.

3. Three clubs. It is better to bid three clubs than two notrump, which seems to be the more normal thing to do. The failure to bid two notrump is a warning to partner that your cards are mostly in the minor suits, hence very few in the major suits. So, to that extent, you are telling North that you don't have a notrump type of hand (which you did have in the first two hands above). Once you've bid three clubs and described your hand properly, you leave the rest to partner.

4. Three spades. It would be wrong to bid only two spades; that would indicate values similar to those shown in the first hand given above. With a reasonable fit for both of North's suits, and a singleton club besides, you should happily give partner a jump preference in spades.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Misunderstandings, delays, and changed plans can make for a hectic day. By evening you'll prefer home-based activities.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A time when money just seems to slip away. Be careful of valuables and disagreements with others concerning expenditures and finances.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Little things could upset well-laid plans. Despite your adaptable nature, this is not the best time for pushing pet projects.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You'll seek rest and quiet, but instead may meet with aggravation. The world just doesn't seem to want to let you alone.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Socially, you're quite active now, but by day's end you may be left with a spent feeling. You might decide to retire early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Morning hours bring some promising news regarding career and money, but later

you have trouble following through. Social life accented in p.m.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Pleasure through travel, but watch romantic fantasies. The p.m. may bring an unexpected expense. Career interests become paramount later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Double-check estimates on home repairs. Postpone signing important papers. The p.m. finds you changing your viewpoint on a financial matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A party brings important introductions, but you need tact and diplomacy in dealing with close allies. Be willing to compromise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Career progress is indicated, but don't overtake yourself. Know when to call it a day. Concentration becomes difficult later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Travel brings romantic introductions, but keep your feet on the ground. Make sure the other party is truly interested in you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Make important domestic moves in the a.m. Later, there could be difficulties at home or with family. Soft-pedal differences.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Man (Lat.)
5 Oregon city
18 Back heroine
11 Bogart film
12 Libertine
13 Poseidon's son
14 Sailor's assent
15 London atmosphere
16 Dutch cognome
17 Fragrance
19 Subj. using logarithms
20 "— But the Brave"
21 Subside
22 Torn apart
23 Chinese dynasty
24 Medical measure
25 Classy guy
26 Abstract being
27 European river
28 Make lace
29 Proper
30 Attention
33 Exhilarated
35 Painter
36 Movie house
37 Spirit lamp
38 First name in Mass.

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11 Accumulate
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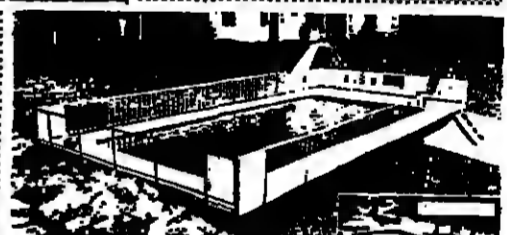
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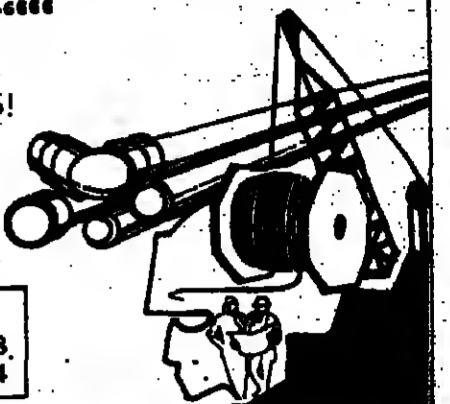


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Hostage solution imminent

Iran sets cash transfer deadline

TEHRAN, Jan. 16 (R) — Iran gave the United States until Friday night to start transferring frozen Iranian cash to Algeria in return for the release of the 52 American hostages.

The deadline — given vaguely as "by the end of working hour on Friday" — appeared to be less a threat than an Iranian move to end the hostage crisis immediately. Announcing the deadline, Chief hostage negotiator Behzad Nabavi indicated that Iran and the U.S. had reached agreement on the amount of frozen Iranian assets which Washington must return to Iran via the intermediary Algerian government.

The ultimatum, therefore, seemed aimed at getting the final act of the 14-month-old hostage saga — the transfer of cash against captives — under way by the end of Friday. Nabavi appeared to be telling Washington to start moving money it had asked to transfer and diplomats saw the deadline as a show of

toughness aimed mainly for domestic consumption.

In a later statement carried by the official Pars news agency and broadcast on the state radio, Nabavi in fact dropped the reference to a deadline and spoke tersely of getting "decisive results today."

"The government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has announced its willingness to end the issue and we condemn any further waste of time," his later statement said. Nabavi is Executive Affairs Minister and government spokesman but he has also been in charge of the Iranian side of the hostage bargaining, according to government sources.

Nabavi's statement did not specify to which country's working hours he was alluding. Friday was the Muslim weekend in both Iran and Algeria and all businesses — including the central banks — were closed. His reference to "practical action" rather than actual complete transfer of cash, appeared to give the U.S. some leeway, however.

If Washington did not meet the deadline, "the situation will be quite different for the government of Iran," Pars quoted Nabavi as saying. "The government of the Islamic Republic of Iran is not interested in doing again what it has been doing for days." This was apparently a reference to the tortuous hostage negotiations which began to focus on cash last November.

"Direct responsibility will fall on Washington for failure of the measures taken," Nabavi said. He did not specify the amount of cash to be handed over by the U.S. and details of the deal now apparently accepted by both sides have not been published.

But Nabavi said: "The U.S. government has made a commitment to deposit all of Iran's funds, which due to the order of the U.S. president have been frozen in American banks and their European branches, with the Central Bank of Algeria before the hostages are freed."

These Iranian assets are estimated at \$9 billion in cash and \$1 billion worth of gold.

Three Algerian intermediaries and the ambassadors to Washington and Tehran and the Central Bank Governor — were still here Friday, apparently awaiting a full U.S. response.

Diplomatic sources close to the negotiations have told Reuters that Iran would put the hostages on a plane whenever Algeria confirmed receipt of the agreed cash figure from the U.S. As soon as the hostages were out of Iranian air space, Algeria would pass the cash on to Iran, the sources said.

In Washington the State Department confirmed that U.S. judicial and financial experts were awaited in Algiers Friday to study Iran's latest message on the hostage affair.

Carter warns of N- threat, bids adieu

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter bid farewell to the nation with a solemn warning that the danger of nuclear annihilation is growing and the selfish desires of special interests are gaining influence in the halls of the United States government.

Without rekindling the debate that marked his campaign against Ronald Reagan, Carter Wednesday night cited his deep commitment to the struggle for human rights and the necessity of protecting the environment — two areas where he generally differed from Reagan.

He expressed gratitude to the American people "because you gave me this extraordinary opportunity to serve." He never mentioned their overwhelming rejection of his leadership at the polls last Nov. 4. Carter wished Reagan, his successor at noon next Tuesday, "success and god-speed."

In remarks prepared for his nationally broadcast address, Carter did not mention Iran or the economy, two burning issues that helped bring down his presidency, but concentrated instead on what an aide called "those ideas and ideals about which he feels most deeply and which he believes are most important to the country."

An excerpt from the end of the speech quoted the most oft-repeated statement from the declaration of independence and offered Carter's interpretation of the inalienable rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Gen. Eanes sworn in

LISBON, Jan. 16 (R) — General Antonio Ramalho Eanes was sworn in Friday for a second term as Portugal's president but his differences with the ruling Democratic Alliance appeared far from healed.

Taking his oath of office in parliament, the 45-year-old general promised to work for multi-party democracy, stability and progress during his five-year mandate.

Socialist and Communist deputies applauded but the benches of the Democratic Alliance were silent, reflecting the conflict that grew between the alliance and Eanes during the last year of rightwing government. Eanes easily beat the alliance's candidate in the election Dec. 7, three days after the death of his staunchest critic, the late prime minister, Francisco Sa Carneiro.

At the swearing-in of Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão last Friday, Eanes promised his support to the new alliance government. But his speech to parliament Friday was filled with thinly-veiled criticism of the right's past tactics.

African summit today

UGANDA, Kampala, Jan. 16 (AP) — A one-day summit meeting of five African leaders takes place here Saturday in what sources say could result in the partial withdrawal of Tanzanian troops from Uganda.

The meeting, hosted by Ugandan President Milton Obote, will include leaders of Rwanda, Zambia, Kenya and Tanzania.

It will be the first time when heads of state will have met in Uganda since the overthrow of former President Idi Amin in April 1979.

PLO offer to Palme to help end Gulf war

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 16 (AP) — Farouk Kaddoumi, the foreign policy spokesman of the Palestine Liberation Front (PLO), has revealed that he had offered special U.N. mediator Olof Palme cooperation in an effort to bring the Gulf war to an end.

Kaddoumi, generally ranked as number two in the PLO hierarchy, stressed Wednesday the necessity of cooperation to persuade Iraq and Iran to lay down arms.

"I offered Palme the good office of the seven-member committee of the non-aligned movement. There is necessity that we cooperate to put an end to the conflict. If we do so, we may see a solution within a near future," Kaddoumi added.

Palme met for 90 minutes with Kaddoumi last Tuesday before taking off for Baghdad.

Meanwhile, Palme arrived in Tehran from Baghdad Friday to continue his efforts to end the war, reported Pars, the official Iranian news agency. Palme is on his second visit to the warring Muslim nations. He traveled to Tehran after two days of talks in Baghdad with President Saddam Hussein and other top leaders.

Palme's latest trip coincides with some of the fiercest and bloodiest fighting of the war

in the wake of an Iranian counter-offensive launched 12 days ago.

Baghdad radio quoted Palme as stating before his departure from Baghdad Thursday that Hussein had reaffirmed to him his willingness "to cooperate in efforts to find a peaceful solution, but had insisted on a peace based on his terms — namely acceptance by Tehran of Iraqi terms for a revision of the 1975 border agreement, including the extension of full Iraqi sovereignty over the Shat-Al-Arab waterway at the head of the Gulf.

Iran has been rejecting these terms since Iraqi troops punched across the border on Sept. 22 to capture Iran's main port of Khoramshahr and other minor towns and borderland territory.

Palme was confronted by these divergent viewpoints when he first visited the area in November and observers believe his pacification mission is likely to be blocked by the very same obstacles again.

In Kuwait, a local newspaper reported Friday the United States has turned down an Iranian request for weapons and aircraft spares, saying it cannot do so before the release of the 52 American hostages. The paper, *Al Watan*, said the request was communicated through Algeria.

Hope dawns for resolving Kabul issue, India says

NEW DELHI, Jan. 16 (AFP) — New developments are "in the offing" in the search for a solution to the Afghan crisis, Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao announced Friday.

Describing Pakistan-initiated efforts for a political solution as a "significant step... in the right direction," he added that "some forward movements" would occur before a non-aligned foreign ministers' conference scheduled to begin here on Feb. 9. These would enable it to "come a positive formulation on Afghanistan," he told the Press Club of India here.

Rao said much would depend on the stand United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim took, and "how the U.N. participation or presence in such talks is interpreted." "The ball is now in the U.N. secretary-general's court," Rao said.

Rao answered questions on Indo-Chinese relations, Pakistan's reported attempt to manufacture a nuclear bomb and the fate of the non-aligned movement. However, the Afghan issue dominated the one-hour question-answer session.

Pressed to state the basis of his hope for a "forward movement," the foreign minister

said: "Earlier on, whenever we talked about talks (between Afghanistan and its neighbors) we only came across negative arguments. Now for the first time we are not getting stumped."

Rao, however, sounded a note of caution, when he said no final picture about the mechanics of the proposed talks had emerged.

Salvador fighting unabated

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 16 (AP) — Government forces recaptured a provincial capital from the leftist guerrillas but heavy fighting continued outside the city as the death toll climbed to 1,000 in five days. Authorities said most bodies were being burned on the spot.

About 800 soldiers backed by reinforcements and air support routed the guerrillas early Thursday from San Francisco Gotera, capital of Morazan province, 160 kms east of San Salvador.

The junta said the guerrillas fled into the mountains, that the leftist offensive to set up a Marxist regime was crushed and that government forces had regained "total control" of the country after five days of fighting.

However, residents reported heavy fighting outside San Francisco Gotera. Shooting also was reported in San Miguel, 150 kms east of San Salvador, and in Tecoluca, 30 km north of San Salvador.

Sources quoted leftist leaders as saying their forces were regrouping to evaluate results of the "first stage" of the "final offensive" they began Saturday night to oust the junta.

French photographer Olivier Rebbot was shot and seriously wounded in a leftist-arms shootout as the troops retook San Francisco Gotera. Doctors said they believed he would recover. Rebbot, a resident of New York and a photographer for *Newsweek*, was hit in the chest as he traveled with a military patrol. He wore a bullet-proof vest, but the slug entered under the arm where there is no protection.



JUDGE BEING HELPED: Plainclothes policemen taking off bandages around the neck of Judge Giovanni D'urso released by the Red Brigades Wednesday in Rome.

Forlani looks confident of winning trust vote

ROME, Jan. 16 (R) — Italian Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani, boosted by the release of kidnapped magistrate Giovanni D'urso, Friday looked set to win a vote of confidence in a parliamentary debate on Terrorism.

D'urso was freed Wednesday by his Red Brigades guerrilla captors after 33 days of tension. Haggard, bearded but in good health, he had a family reunion and then began reconstruction of his ordeal to investigators. Later, Thursday Rome magistrate issued seven arrest warrants and police arrested one suspect in connection with the New Year's eve killing by the Red Brigades of Gen. Ennio Galvagni, who worked closely with D'urso on prison security.

The end of this ordeal will make it easier for the four parties in Forlani's coalition to patch

over the differences which emerged between them while it lasted. Forlani's Christian Democrats, backed by the Social Democrats and Republicans, firmly refused any concessions to the guerrillas.

But the Socialists, whose support is vital to the coalition, favored a softer line. Their paper *L'Avanti* was the first to accede to the Red Brigades' demand for publication of guerrilla propaganda in the national media as the price for D'urso's life.

Whether publication helped to save him is open to debate, but Forlani placated the Socialists by saying he understood their humanitarian motives, and is expected to appease the hardliners with a statement backing their position. All four parties are thus expected to support the confidence motion, ensuring the survival of the two-month-old government at least for the time being.

Drivers halt transport in Warsaw protest move

WARSAW, Jan. 16 (Agencies) — Warsaw's public transport halted Friday as drivers began a four-hour strike to protest government plans to penalize people who did not work last Saturday.

The strike, called by the local branch of the independent union Solidarity, followed the breakdown of talks with the city's mayor Thursday night.

The four-hour morning stoppage began at 8 a.m. and at mid-morning seemed to have been massively supported by the capital's bus and train drivers. But day-to-day life appeared little affected, the strike plans having been widely published by posters, and most Poles having arrived at work by the time it started.

The strike call followed a warning by the labor ministry that employees who failed to report for work last Saturday would have pay docked. The government had declared Saturday a "working" day, but the solidarity had urged its members not to work, on grounds that a five-day work week was part of the agreement reached at Gdansk that ended the nationwide strikes last year.

Warsaw Deputy Mayor Stanislaw Bielecki

went on television last night to appeal to transport workers to back down, arguing that the Polish people already faced harsh conditions and should not be tested further. He promised that no sanctions would be taken against those who stayed at home Saturday beyond loss of that day's pay for employees unwilling to make up the lost time by working on a day off.

Meanwhile, a two-hour strike was staged by workers at an aircraft factory in Mielec, 230 kms south of Warsaw, answering a strike call from the "national strike committee" of Rozsow, southeast Poland.

Well-informed sources said the strike was to have continued until the authorities met committee demands for changes in Poland's agricultural policy and registration of the "rural solidarity" union. Reasons for the changes of plan were not immediately known.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Political jokes past and present... first. First from ancient Rome, when Emperor Vespasian levied a tax on using the public lavatories. Many of the measure, calling an "unusvory" was obtaining revenue. But the emperor did not bulge. He pocketed the first batch of the proceeds with the remark: money has no smell.

Then there was old tyrant in ancient Greece who visited Plato's Academy. He asked the great philosopher whether they teach the students about him and his achievements. Are you kidding, said the philosopher. We have far more important things to think about... (Advice to present day philosopher; please don't try the same trick with modern dictators. And please don't ask me why.)

Move now to the nineteenth century. The Prussian-Austrian war. The victorious German officer says roughly to the suave Austrian captive: "We fight for honor, while your side fights merely for money." "Each," says the polite Austrian, "seeks after what he lacks."

A while after that the Englishman listened patiently as the Irishman kept telling him how great life was in Ireland. "Imagine," the Irishman said, "you could buy a chicken for a penny." "Why did you leave that great chicken — a penny land?" he asked. "Didn't have the penny," the Irishman answered.

Translated from *Ashraf Al Awad*

Ethiopia plans an invasion, Somalia says

MOGADISHU, Jan. 16 (R) — Somalia has accused Ethiopia of stationing 100,000 troops along their joint border and planning an invasion.

Somali Foreign Minister Mahmoud Said Muhammad told a press conference Thursday night the Ethiopians planned to seize the strategic port of Berbera at the southern mouth of the Red Sea where Somalia has agreed to accord the United States navy port facilities.

He said a second Ethiopian concentration of troops close to the central Somalia border suggested the Ethiopians intended to try thwarting a Somali counter-attack by thrusting across the central Mudug region and dividing the Horn of Africa state.

Hess appeal rejected

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, Jan. 16 (R) — The West German constitutional court has rejected an appeal by former Nazi deputy leader Rudolf Hess against his continued imprisonment. Hess, 85, has been confined since he parachuted into Scotland in May, 1941, in a lone, vain attempt to negotiate peace between Britain and Hitler's Germany.

He has been in West Berlin's Spandau prison since 1947, after the Nuremberg war crimes tribunal sentenced him to life imprisonment for committing crimes against peace. Thursday's appeal ruling by the judges dimmed a legal campaign started by Hess in 1977. Two lower courts had already dismissed his plea.

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